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PLUS
**News of a
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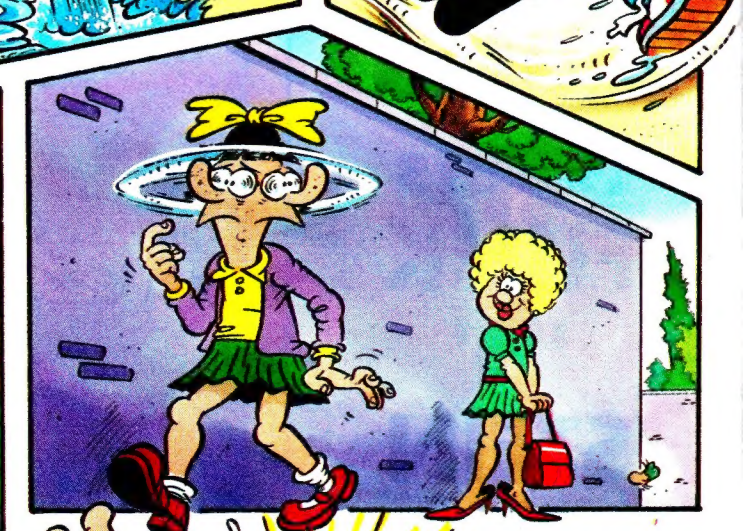
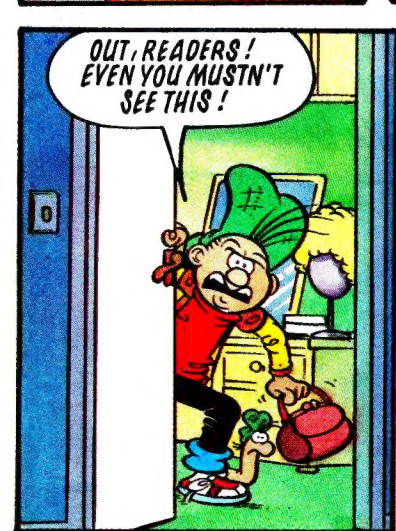
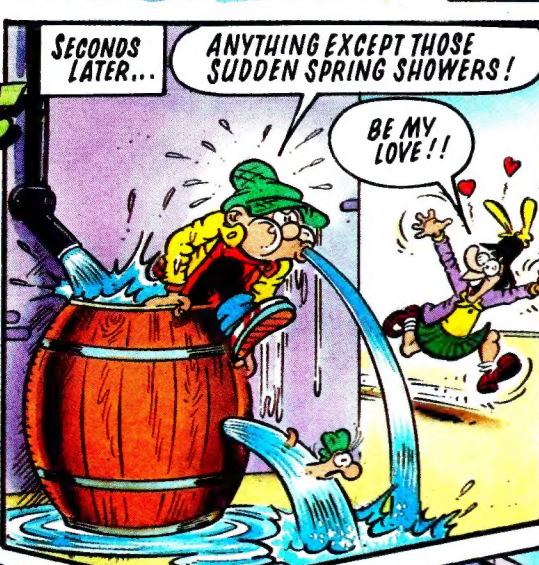
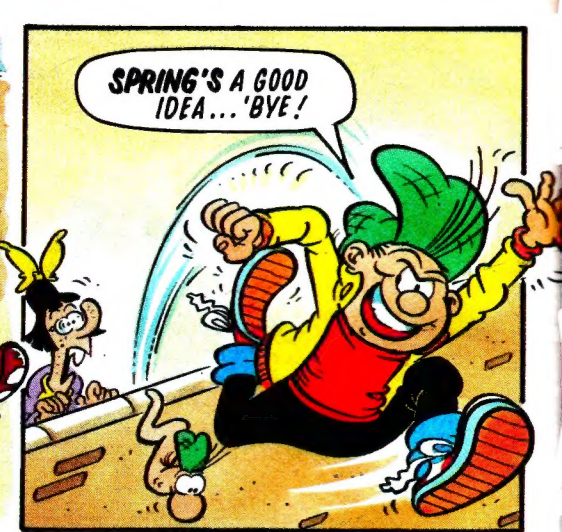
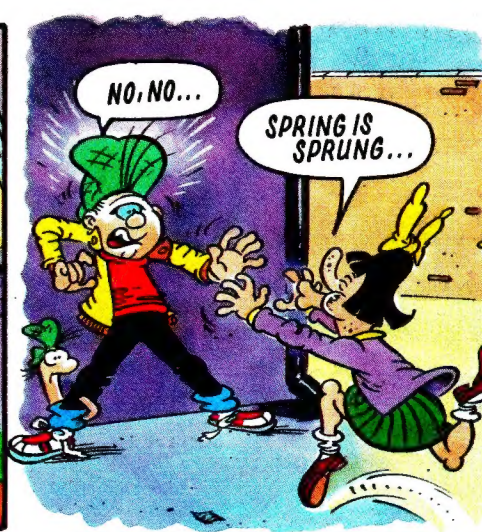
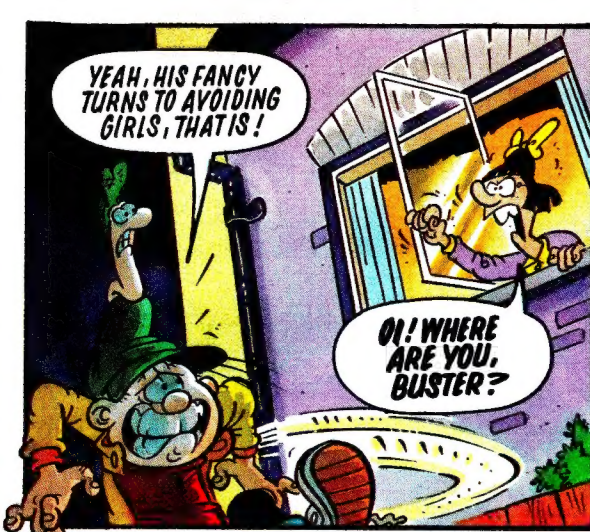


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In spring a young man's
fancy turns to... GIRLS!

Buster, Buster,
wherefore art
thou, Buster..?

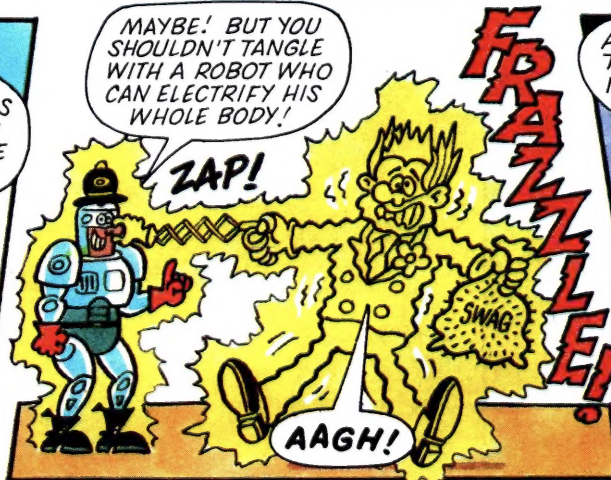
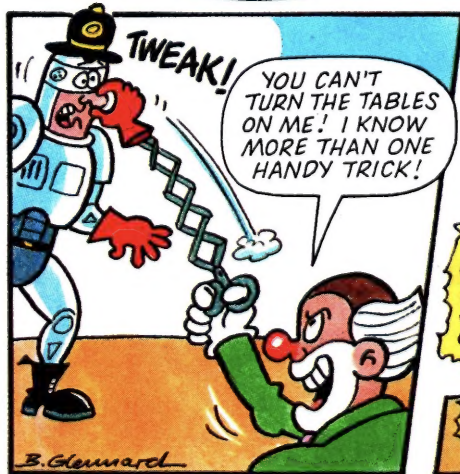
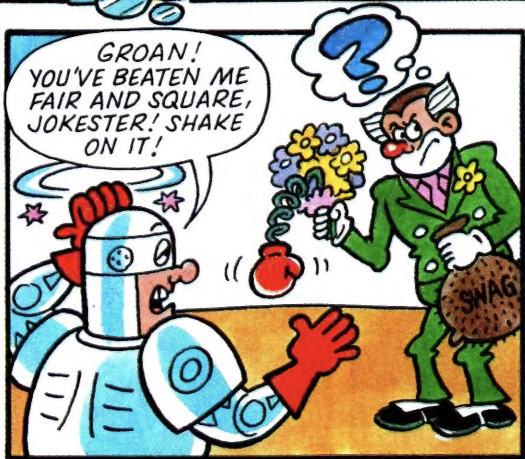
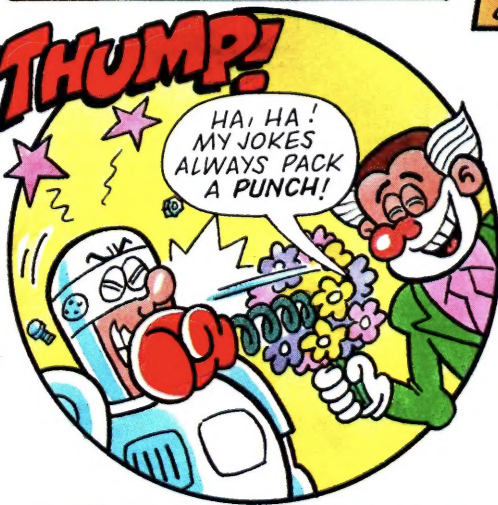
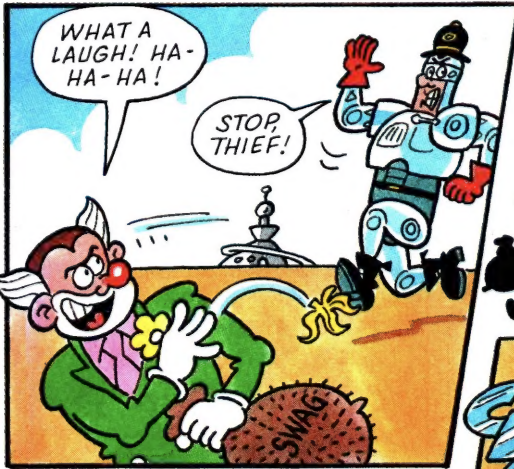
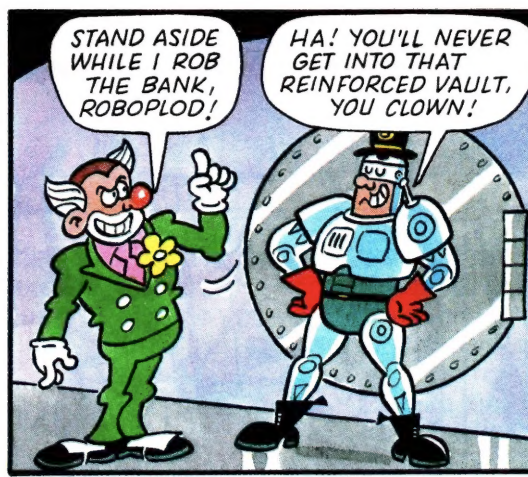




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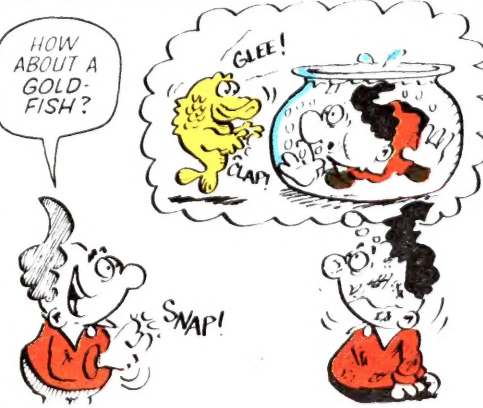
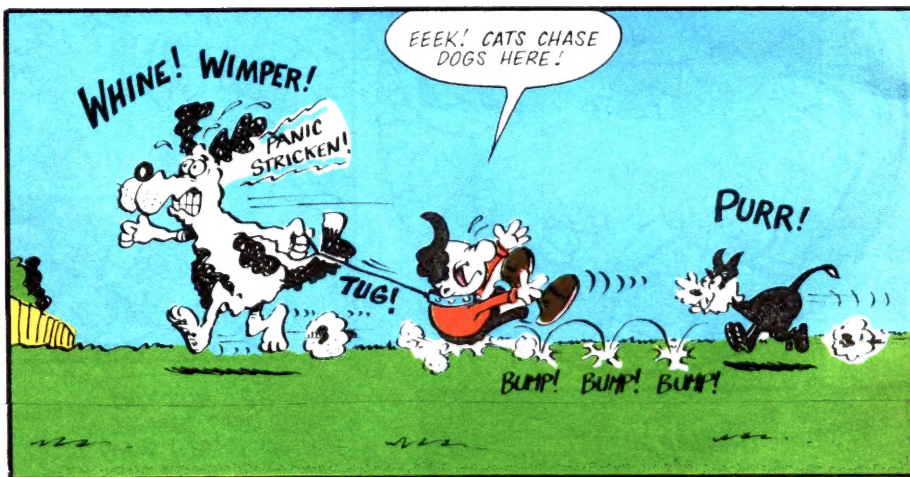
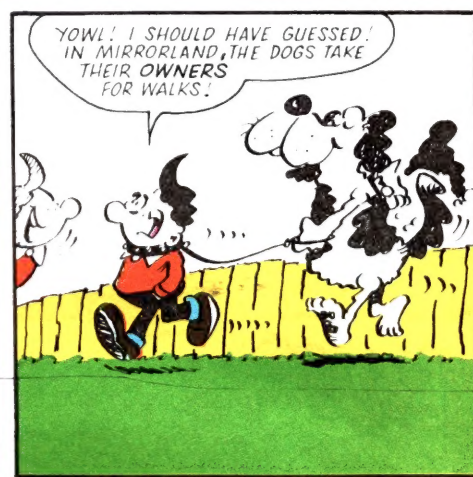
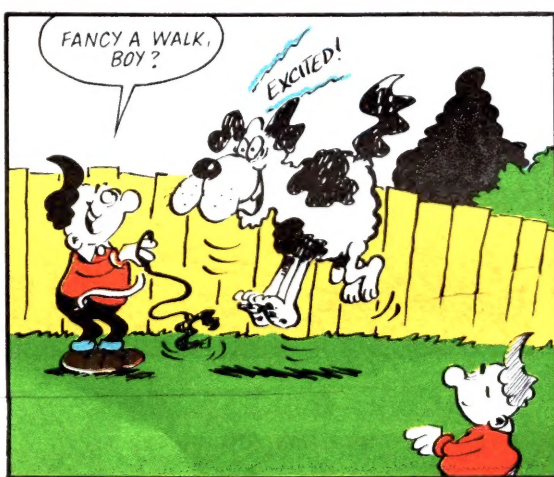
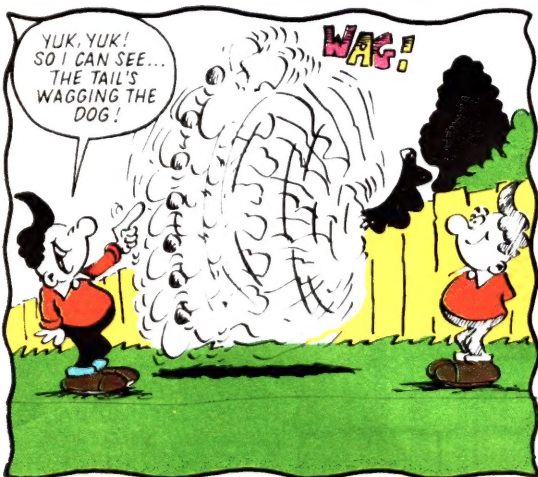
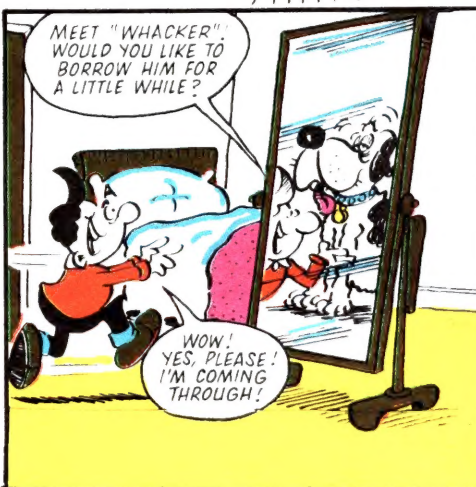
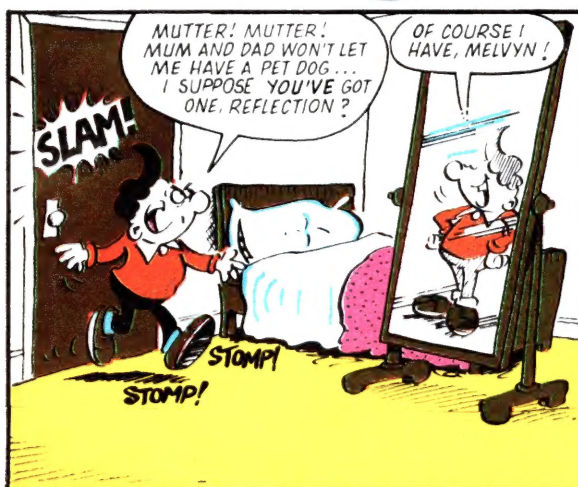


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Melvyn's

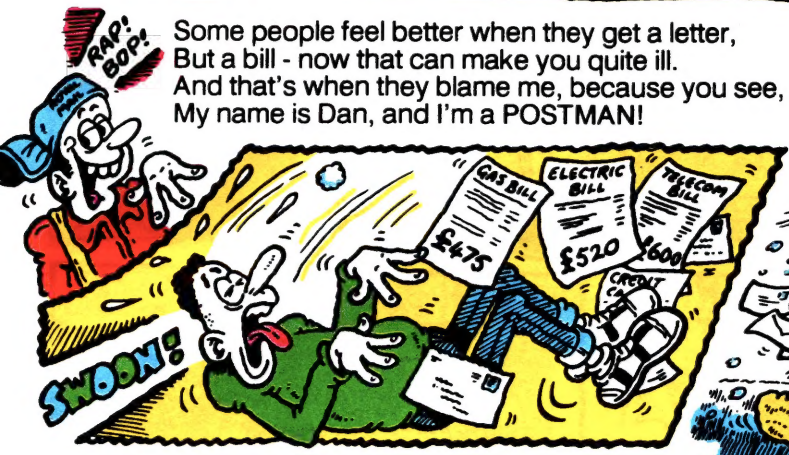
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THE

POSTMAN'S

FIRST CLASS
RAP!

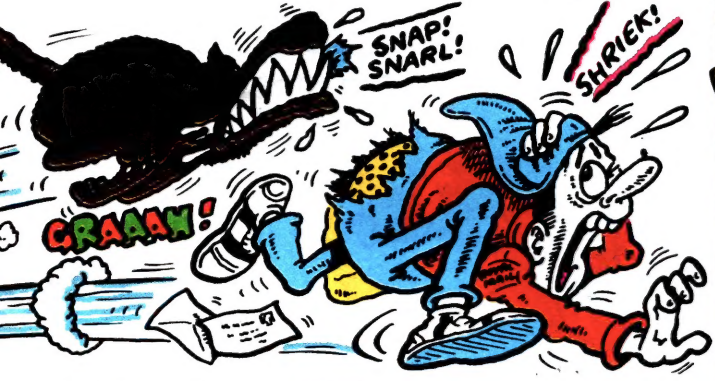


Some people feel better when they get a letter,
But a bill - now that can make you quite ill.
And that's when they blame me, because you see,
My name is Dan, and I'm a POSTMAN!

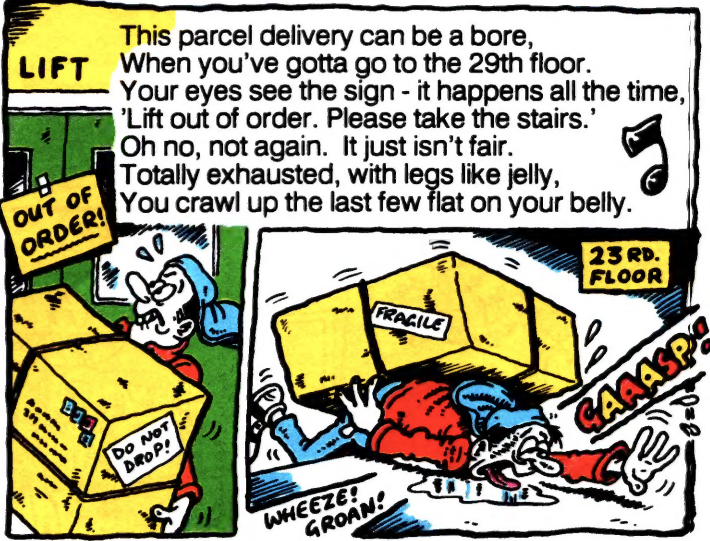
I'm no shirker, I'm a tireless Royal Mail worker.
I'll not fail to deliver the mail,
Through wind and rain, or sleet and hail.
On my round in all kinds of weather,
You can rely on me to get my act together.
Even in the deepest snow, the post has gotta go,,
To the address on the envelope,
I'll make it - least ways that's what I hope.



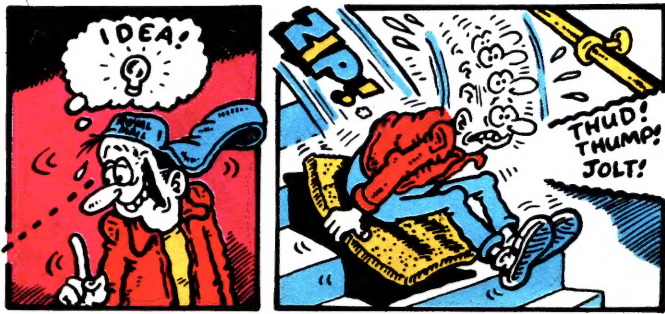
When the temperature rises it's fine,
Then my problem is purely canine.
Just had a slight altercation, with a big alsatian.
Gotta be on my toes - to stop him ripping my clothes.
Next time I'll give him a bone,
Then maybe he'll leave me alone.

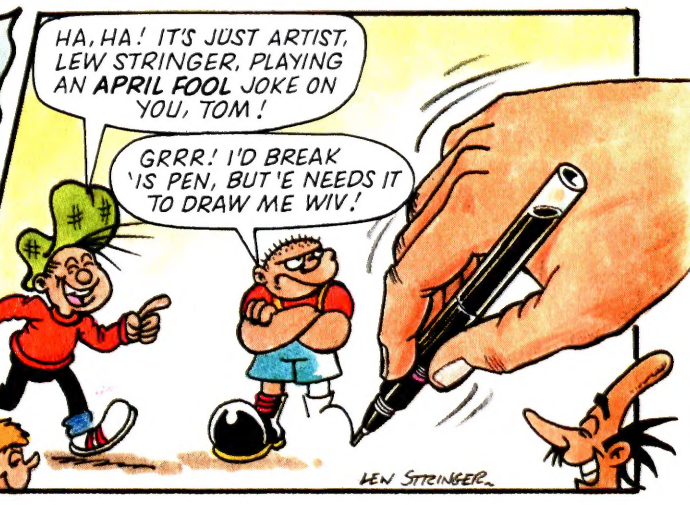
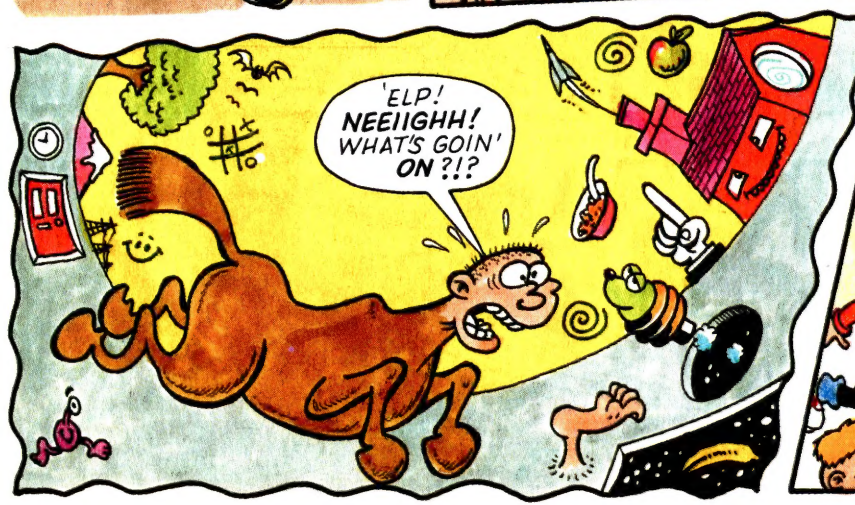
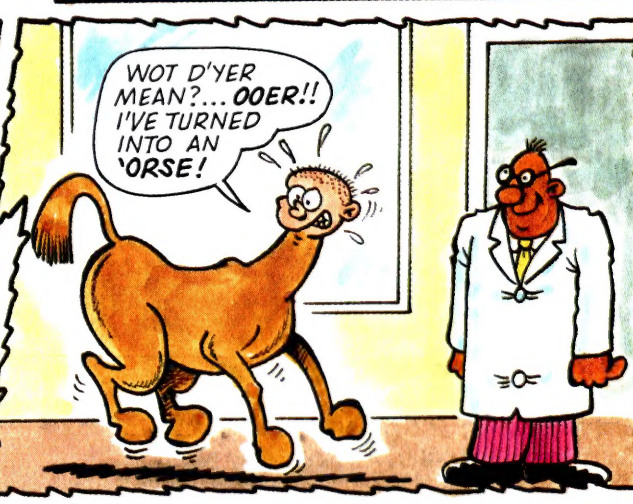
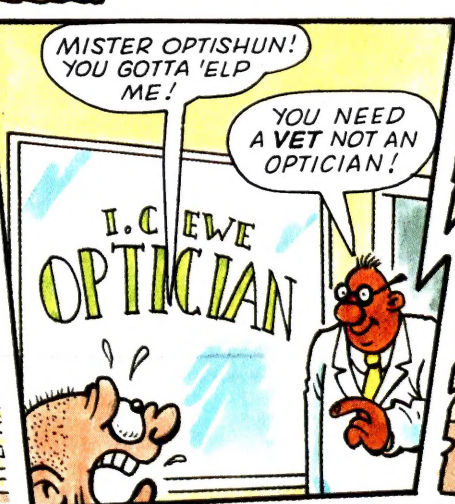
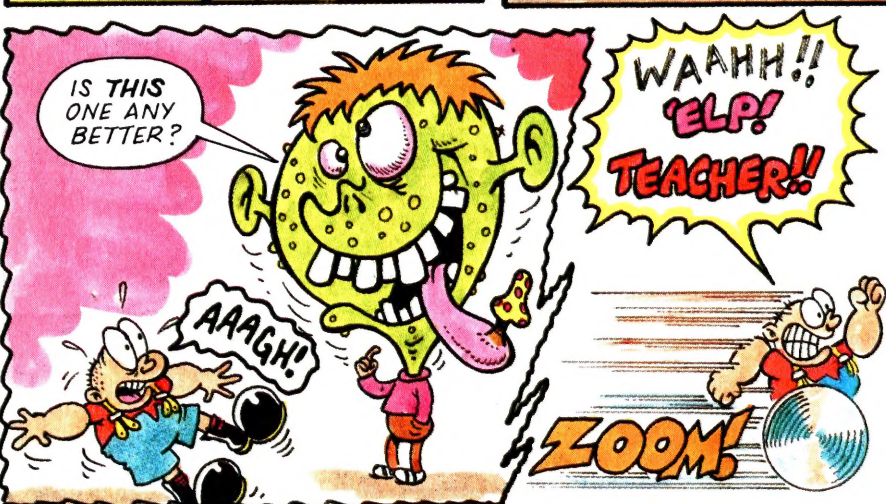
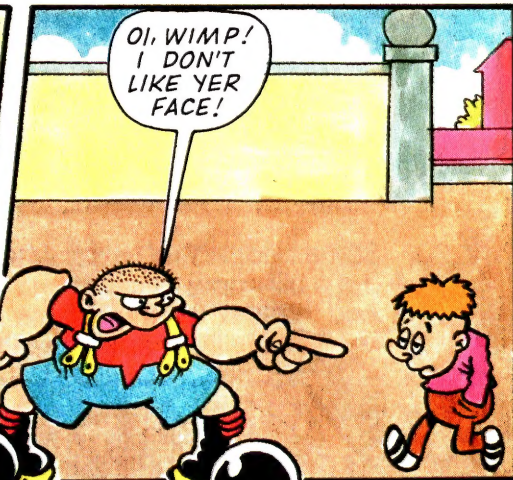
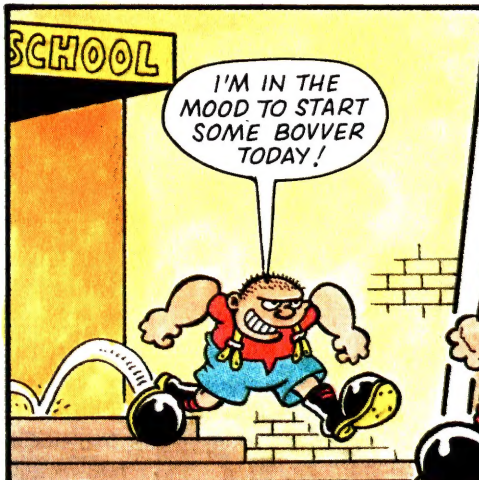
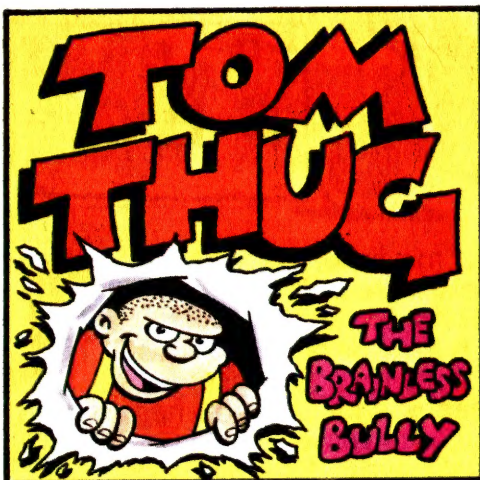


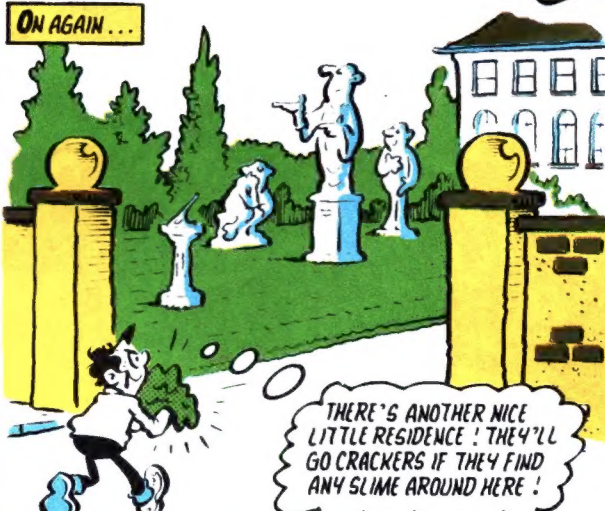
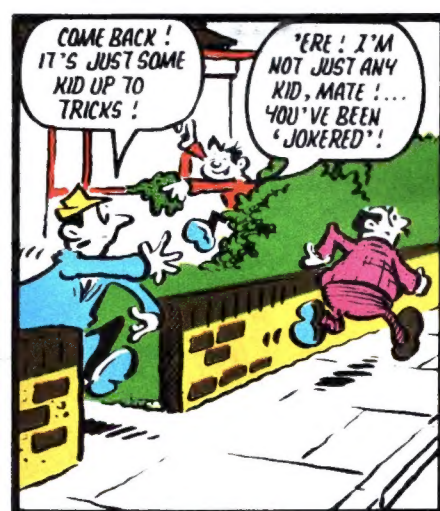
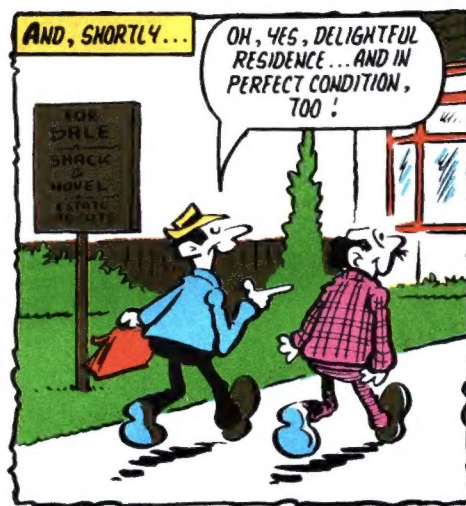
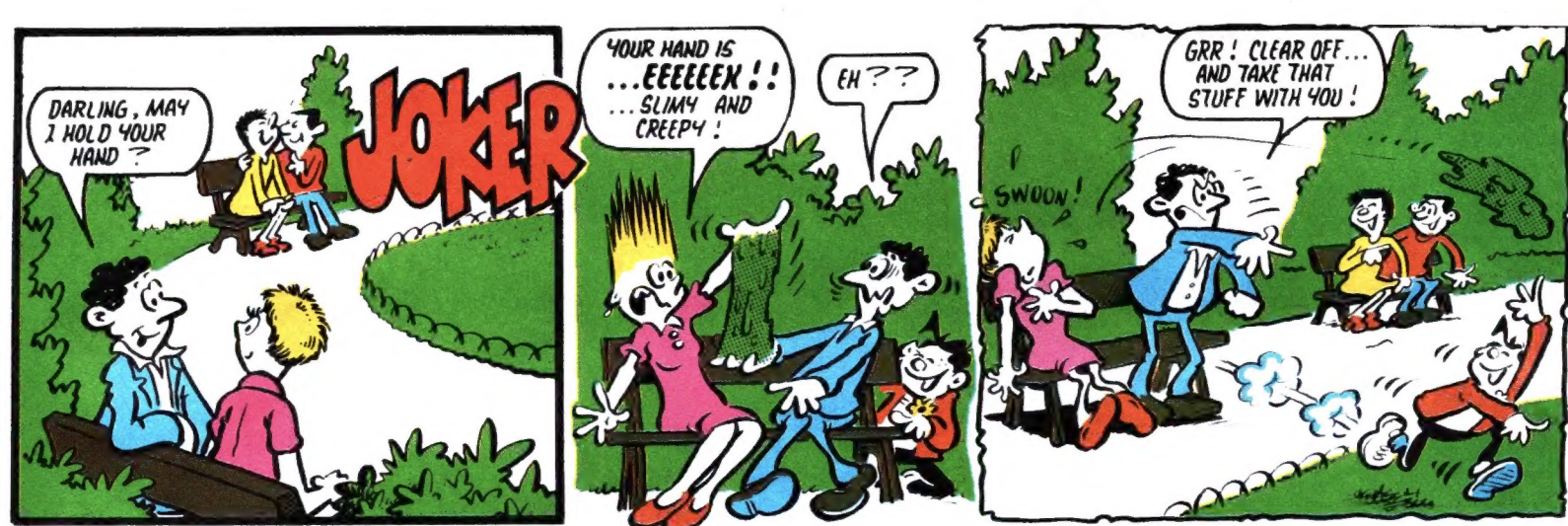
On the way down you find a mat,
And think to yourself: "I can use that."
But maybe you shouldn't have tried,
To turn those stairs into a helter skelter ride.
Picking up speed with a feeling in your gullet,
You're gonna leave these flats going like a bullet.
Hey, it definitely ain't no fiction,
That ride caused some well-hot friction.
But although your backside may have been roasted,
At least you got the Royal Mail posted.



This parcel delivery can be a bore,
When you've gotta go to the 29th floor.
Your eyes see the sign - it happens all the time,
'Lift out of order. Please take the stairs.'
Oh no, not again. It just isn't fair.
Totally exhausted, with legs like jelly,
You crawl up the last few flat on your belly.







IN A SECRET LABORATORY...

CHUCKLE! FOR YEARS I HAVE WORKED TOWARDS THIS MOMENT...

CAPTAIN CRUCIAL

MEETS

FUNK'N STEIN!

... FINALLY MY CREATION IS COMPLETE!

IT LIVES!

BACK! BACK! I AM YOUR CREATOR!

YO! SOMEDUDE YELL?

CHOKES! HELP ME! I'VE CREATED A MONSTER!

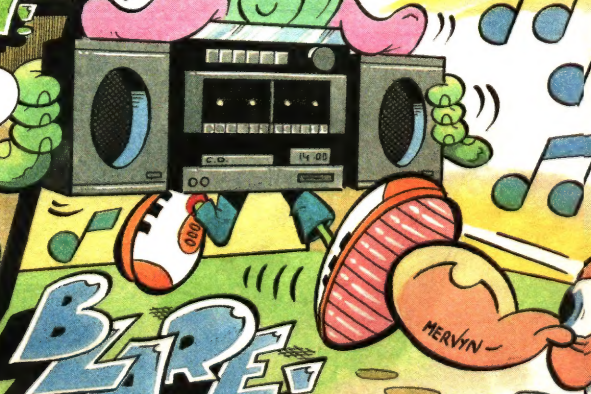
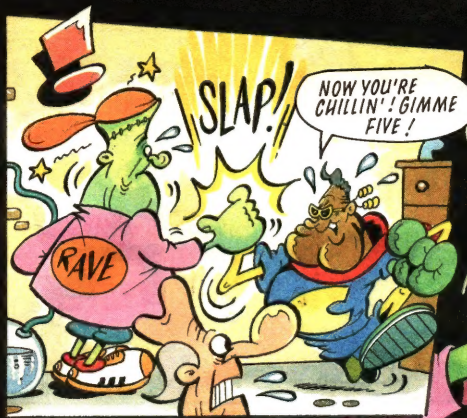
YOU'RE NOT KIDDING! GEEZ, HE'S GOT ZILCH DRESS SENSE!

HEY, STIFFSVILLE! HE MOVES LIKE A TREETRUNK!

LOOSEN UP, GET FUNKY!



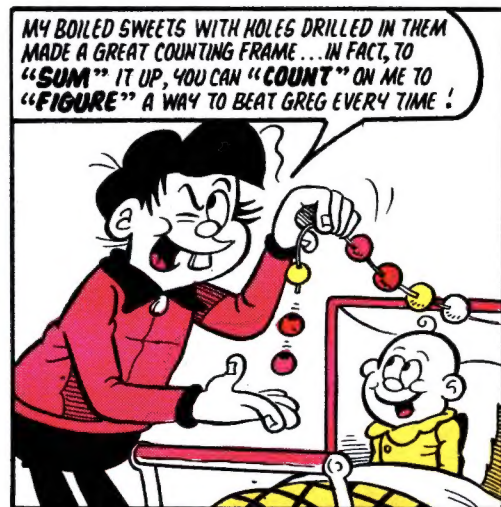
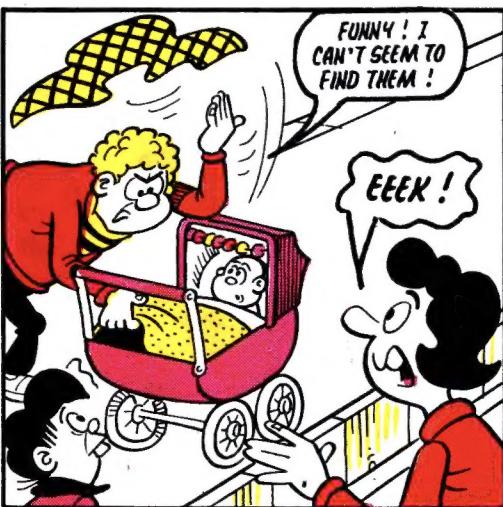
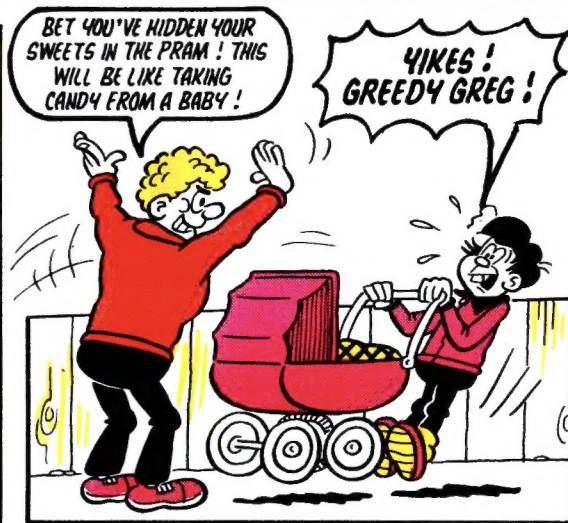
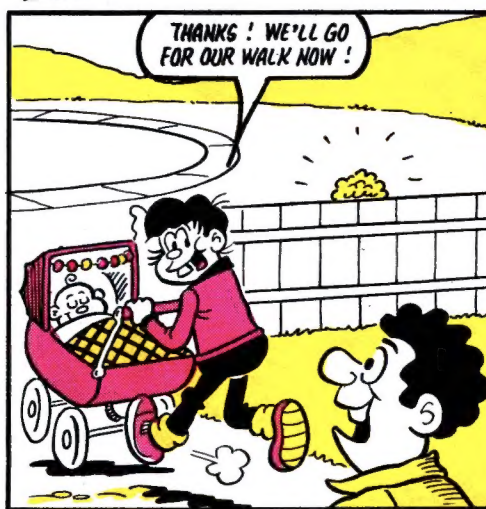
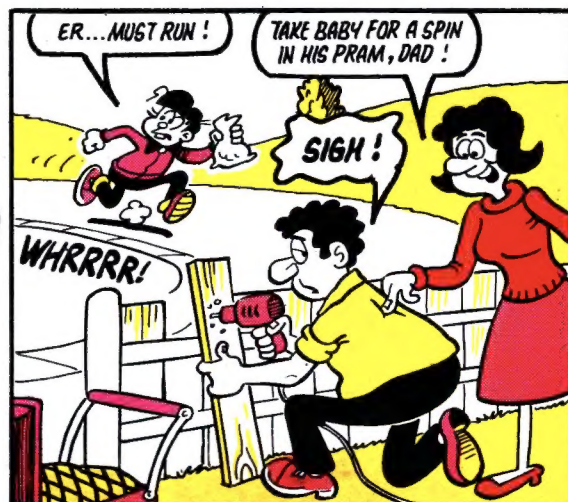
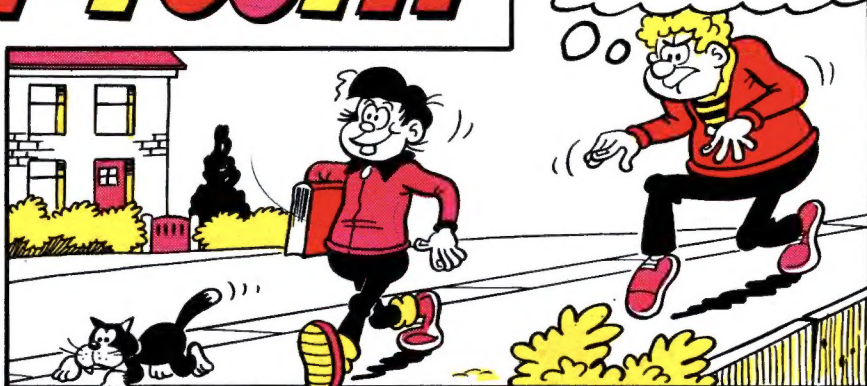
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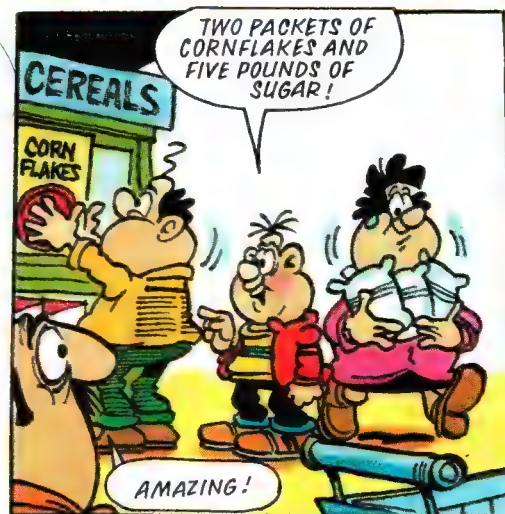
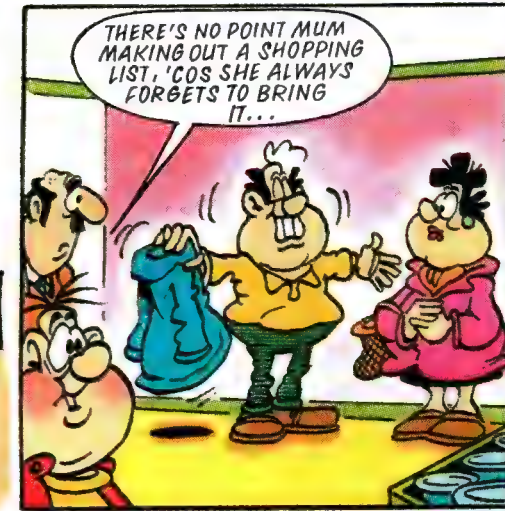
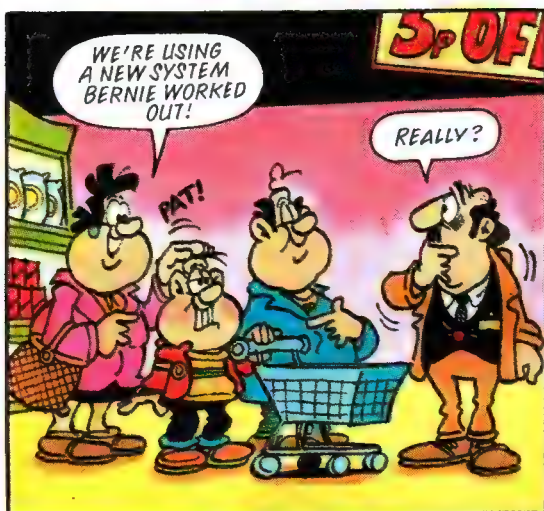
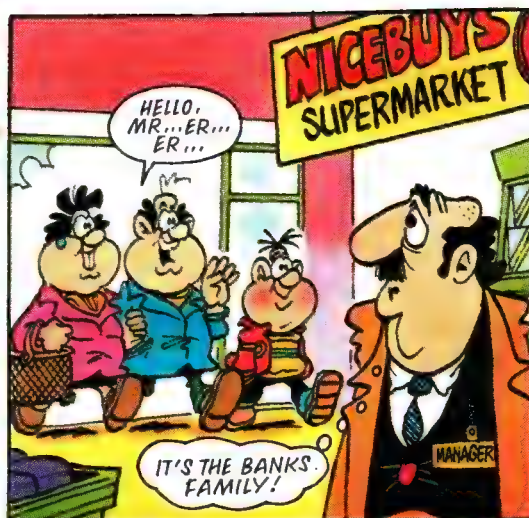
THIS HOLLOWED-OUT SUMS BOOK WILL MAKE A GOOD HIDING-PLACE FOR MY BOILED SWEETS, IF I RUN INTO GREEDY!

SWEET-TOOTH

WHAT'S THIS ... SWEET-TOOTH'S CARRYING A SUM BOOK ON A SATURDAY? THERE'S MORE TO THIS THAN MEETS THE EYE!

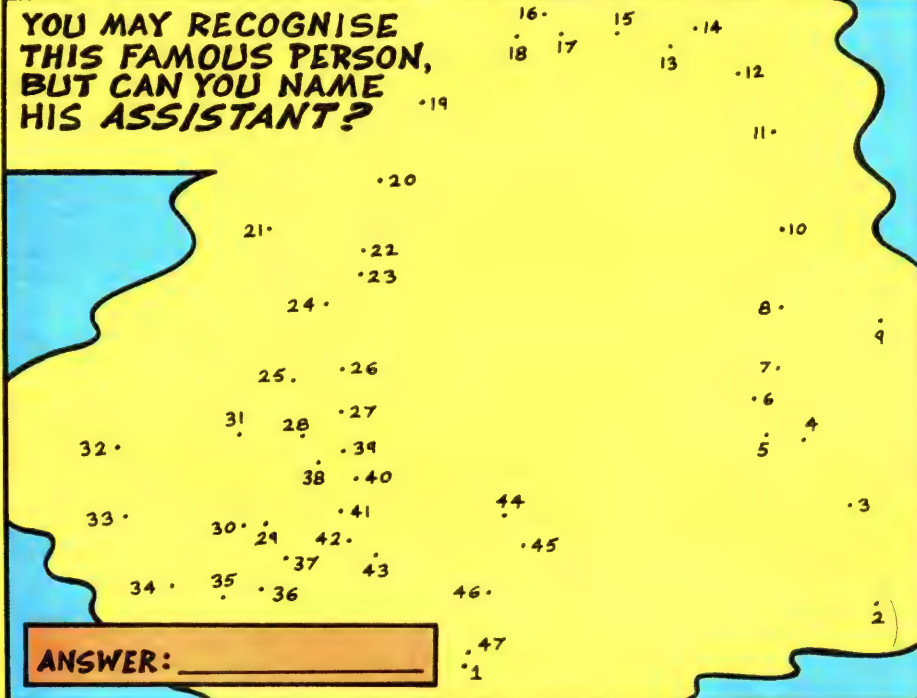


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SCHOOL DINNERS?
I HATE 'EM!



I ATE 'EM!

Dear Buster,

In a recent issue, a reader asked if
anybody who had school dinners didn't like
them. Well, I HATE them! At Bishop Lovett
School, the dinners are really disgusting and
nearly everybody dislikes them.

-IRENE STUBBINGTON, RODE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

...I bet BRENDA BAGG would still eat them, Irene!



KARTOON KORNER



Dear Buster,

If you still
have a Custard
Pie Corner,
could you
please custard
pie my brother.
-BUSTER
READER,
BALLYMENA.
... We DO
still have a
Custard Pie
Corner- and a
Creature
Corner- but
not this
week, so we've
Kartooned
your brother,
instead... but
you still get
your £2!

THIS READER IS
LOOKING FOR A
PEN-PAL.



DUH... WHY DOES
SHE WANT A PAL
FOR HER PEN??

Dear Buster,

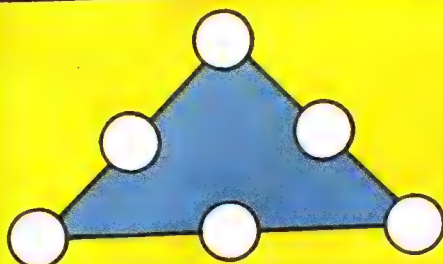
Could you please print my letter in your fab comic
because I am in search of a pen-pal. I am 12 years old.
I like tennis, swimming, cycling and music (Brass and
Pop). My fave music is NKOTB, Color Me Badd and Michael
Jackson. I hate Kylie Minogue and Jason Donovan. I enjoy
watching Channel 4 Happy Hour and Neighbours. I am
looking for someone between the ages of 10 and 13.
I am looking forward to someone writing to me.
-ANNA ROBINS, 23 SLADES ROAD, ST. AUSTELL,
CORNWALL, PL25 4HA.

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To Grandma & Grandad -
You are the best Grandparents in the world.
- Jo & Ruth Kennerley, Congleton.



Dear Buster, here is a puzzle for your pin board:
Can you put the numbers 1 to 6 in the circles-using each number only once-so that all sides of the triangle add up to the same number?
- Emma Dispiter-Salter, Chiswick.



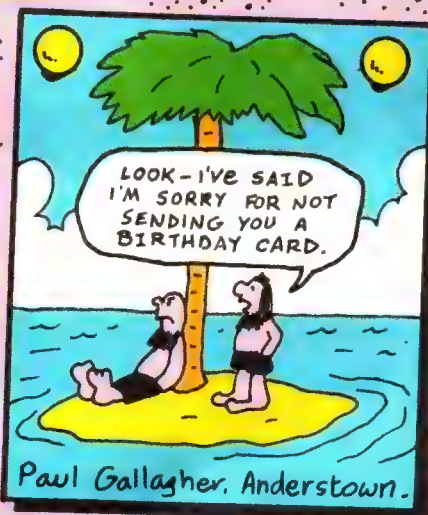
Michael Hannah, Wavertree.

DEAR BUSTER, Thank you for the SUPER Mario badge you gave a while back. Here is a picture I drew of it.

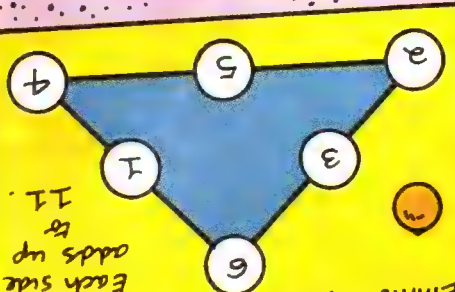
Why was the tomato in a hurry?
It wanted to ketchup.
From Sally Marshall, Baldock.

Busters overcome all the obstacles

Dear Buster, I found this headline in my local paper and thought it was very flattering.
- Gareth, Burton-upon-Trent.



Paul Gallagher, Anderstown.



Here is one solution to Emma's puzzle:
Each side adds up to 11.

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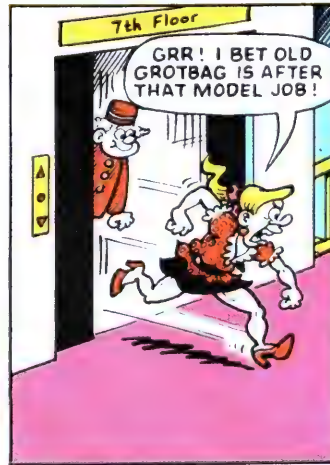
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- 4 APR - CHRISTOPHER JOLLEY (age 12), RUNCORN.
- 4 APR - JONATHAN NEWMAN (age 14), BRIDPORT, from his big sister, BECKY.
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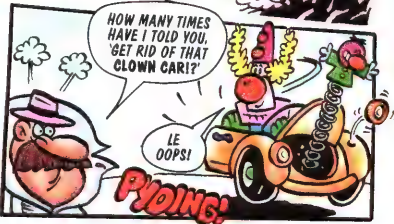
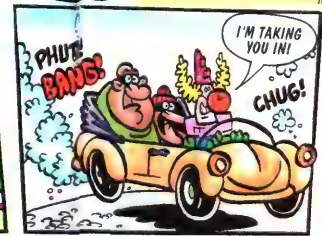
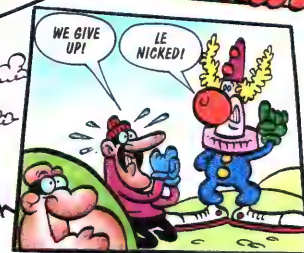
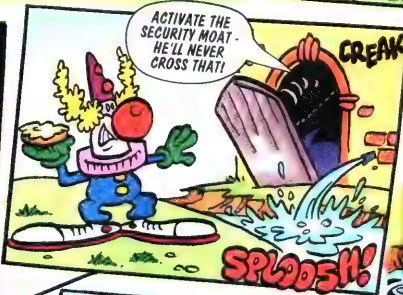
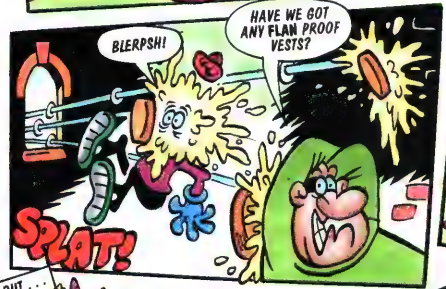
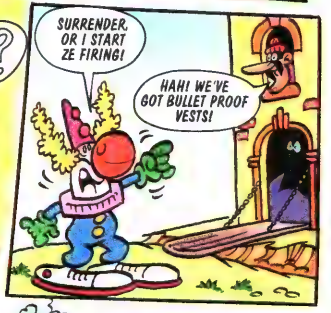
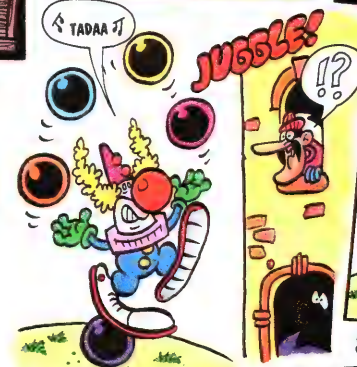
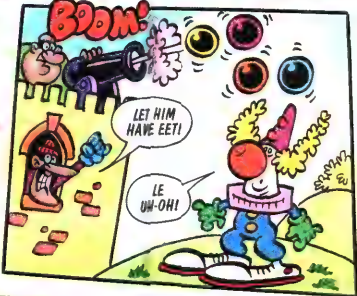
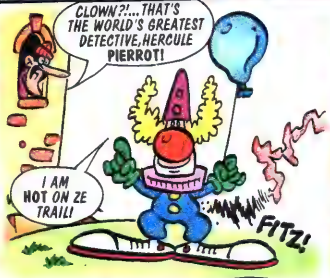
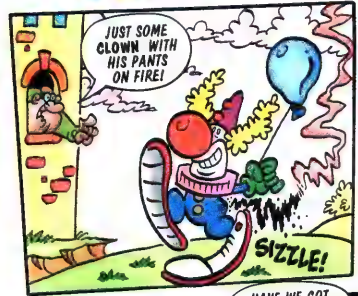
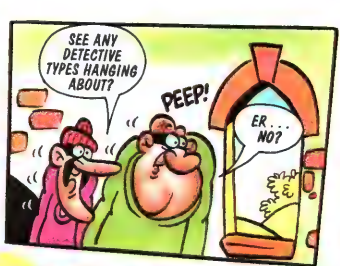
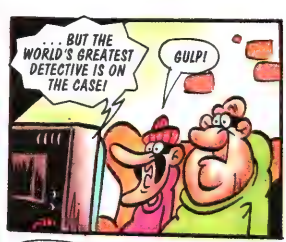
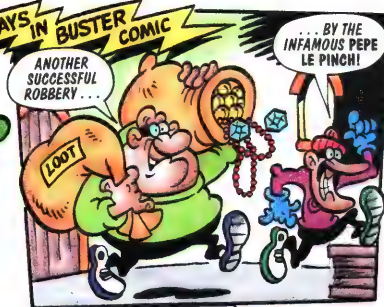


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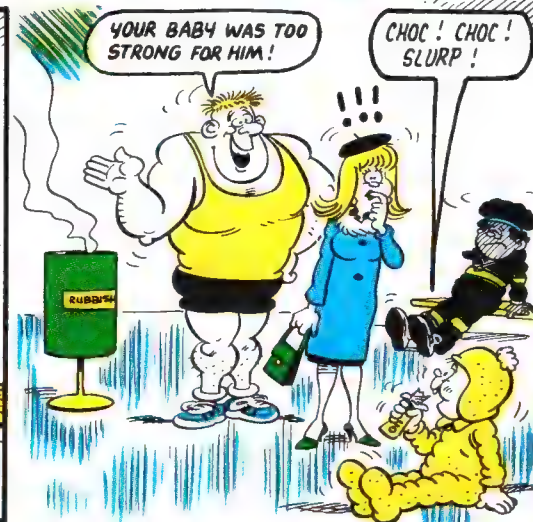
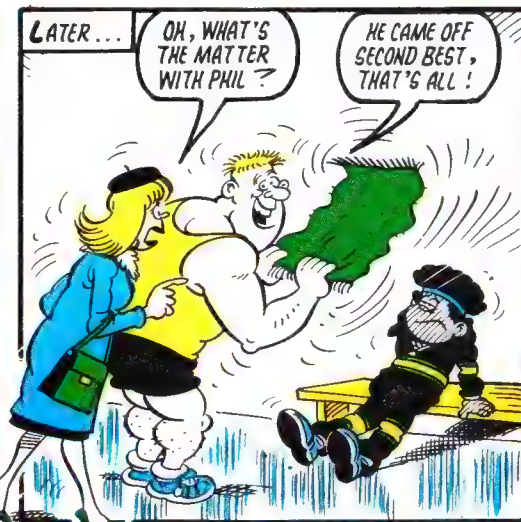
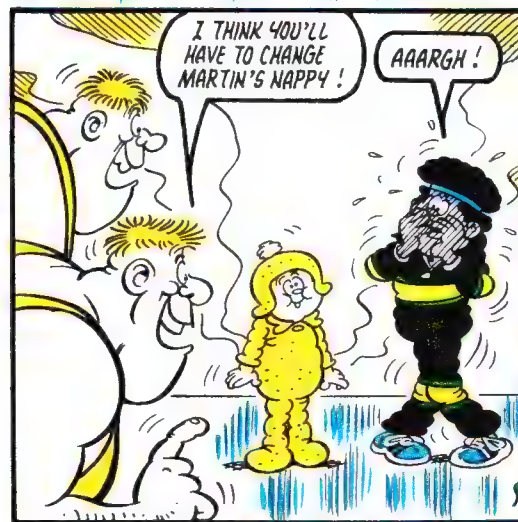
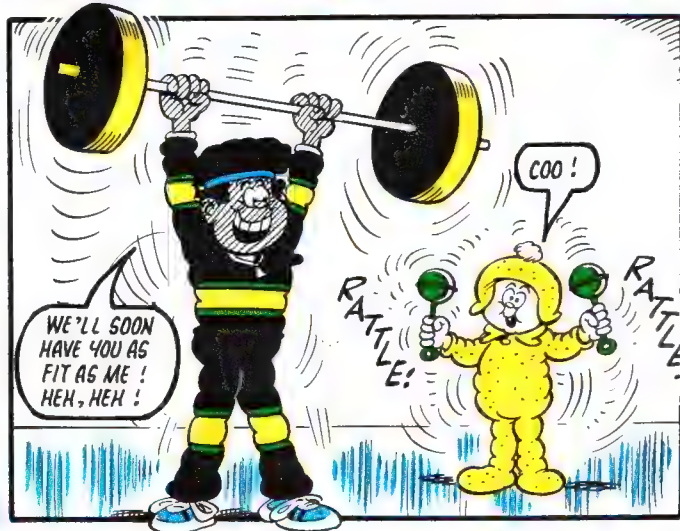
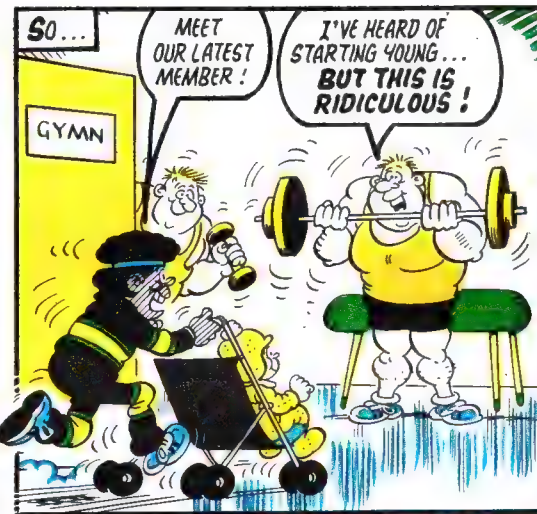
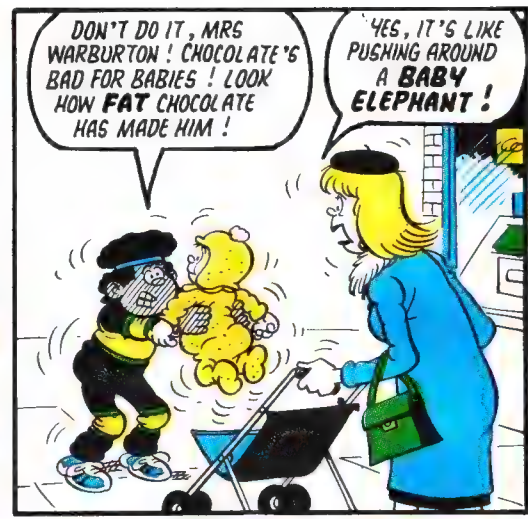
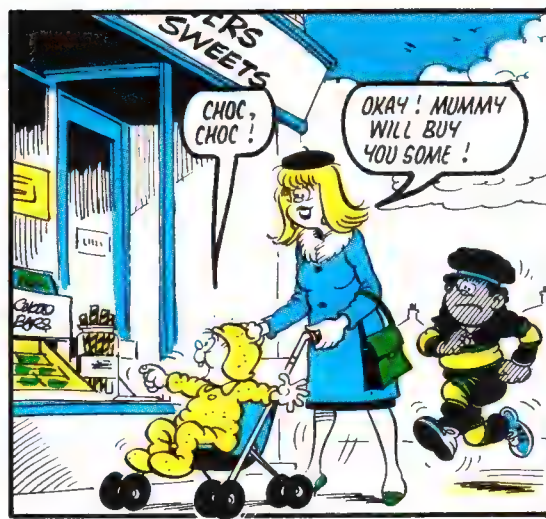
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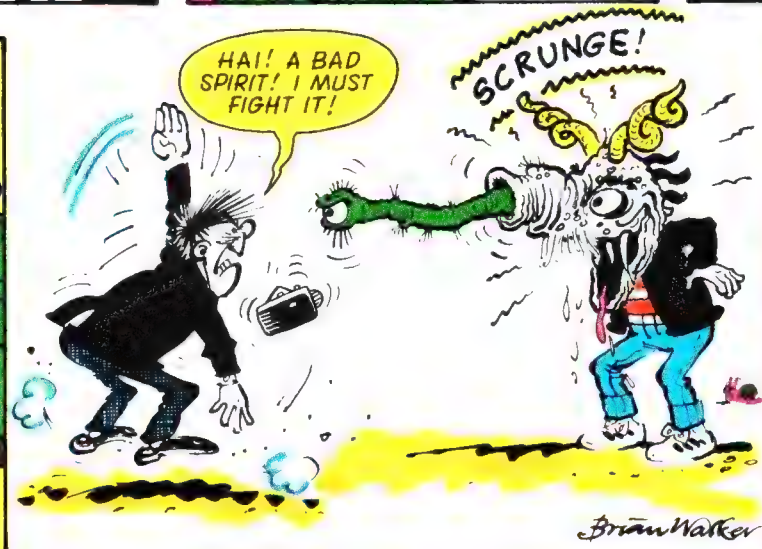
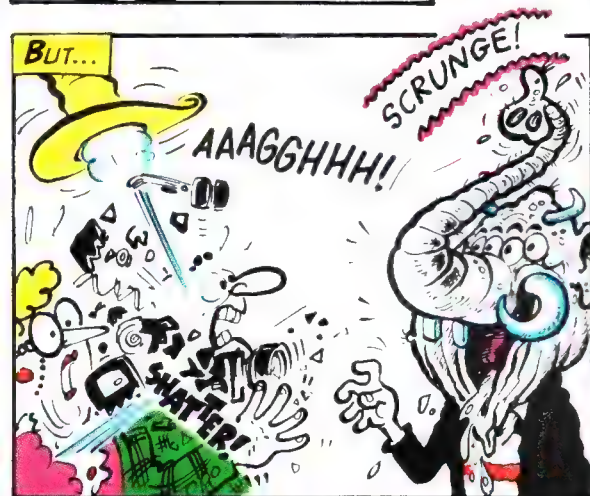
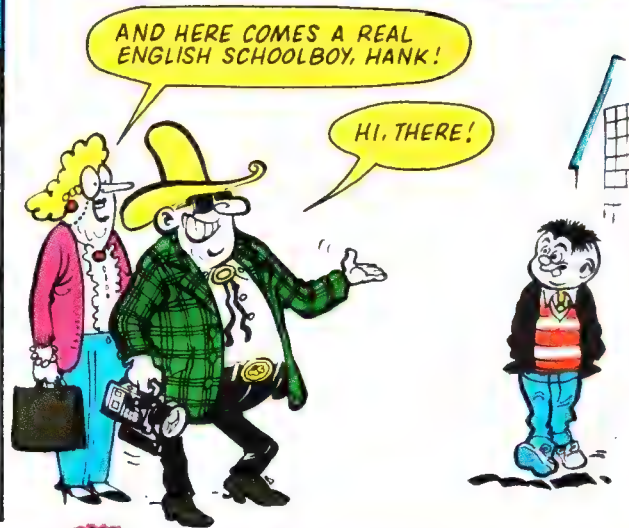


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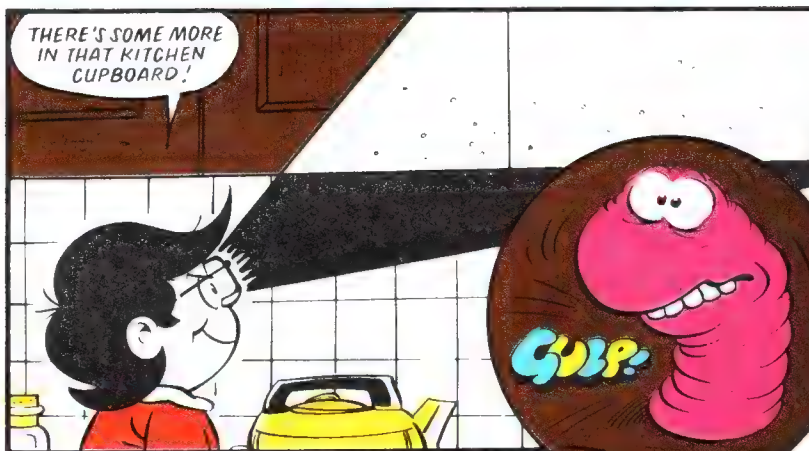
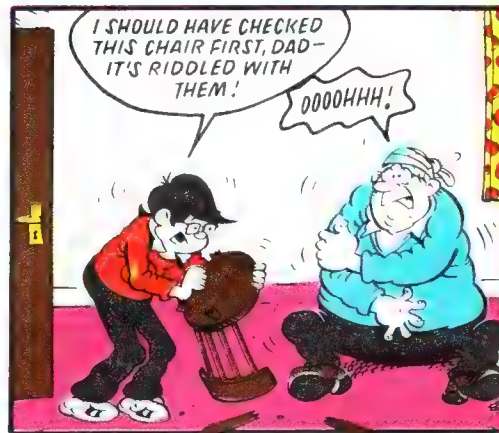
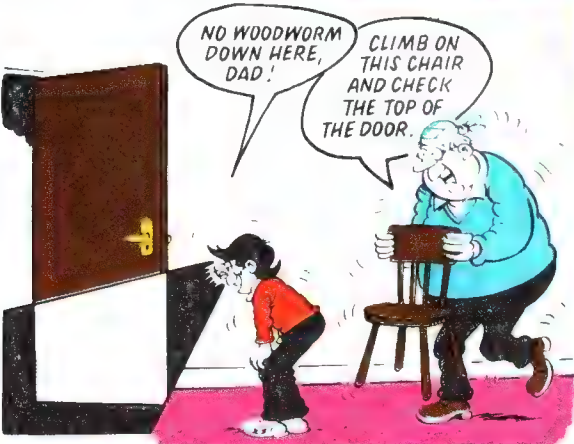
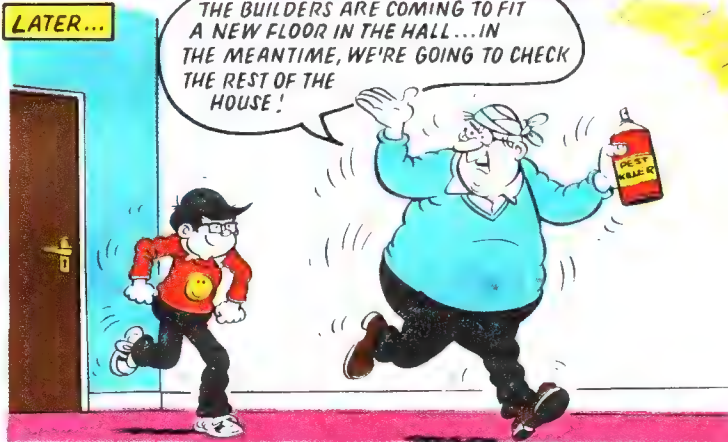


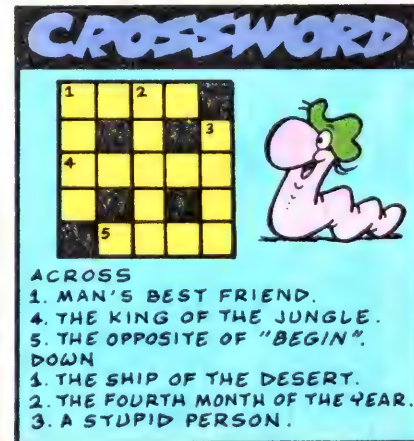
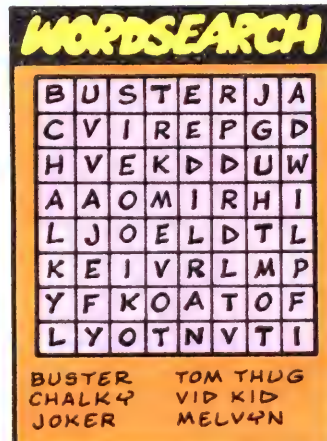
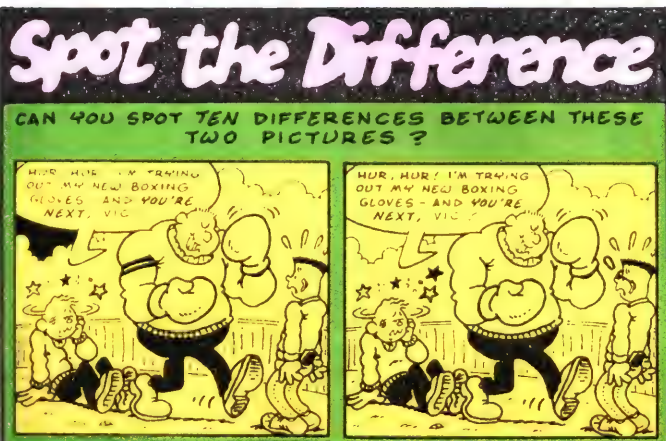
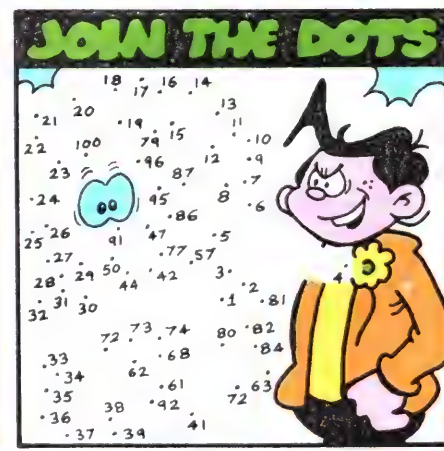
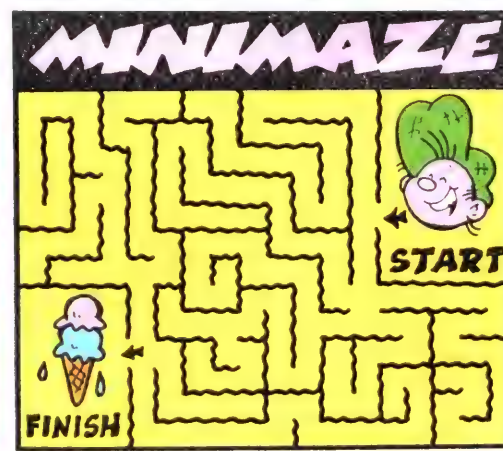
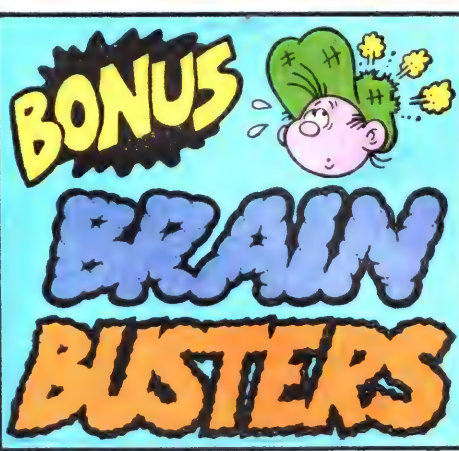
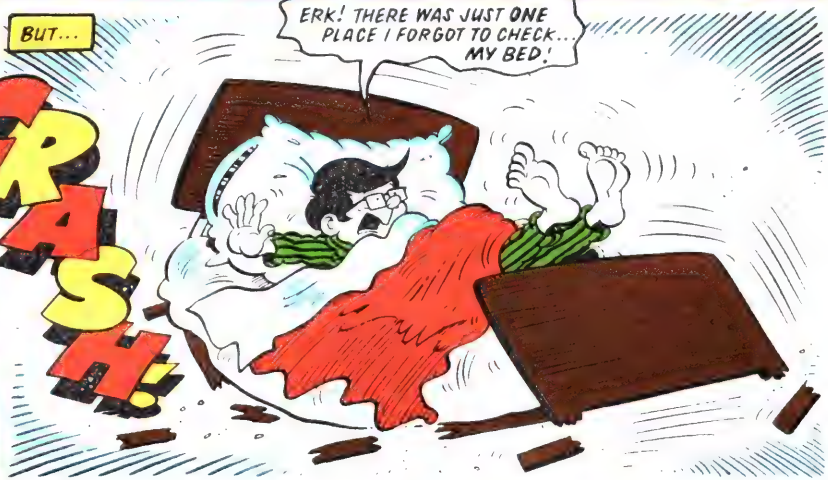
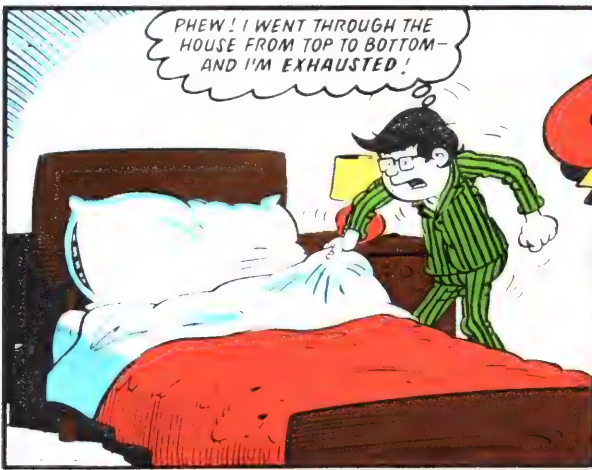
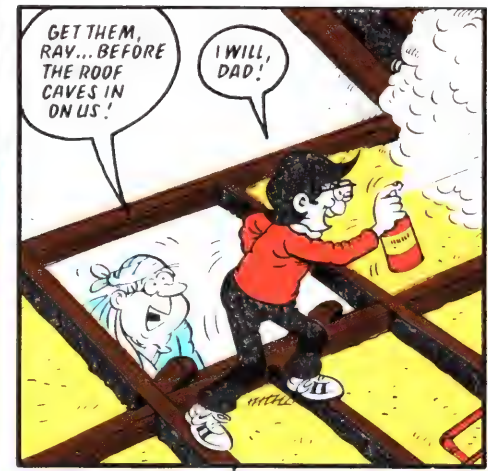
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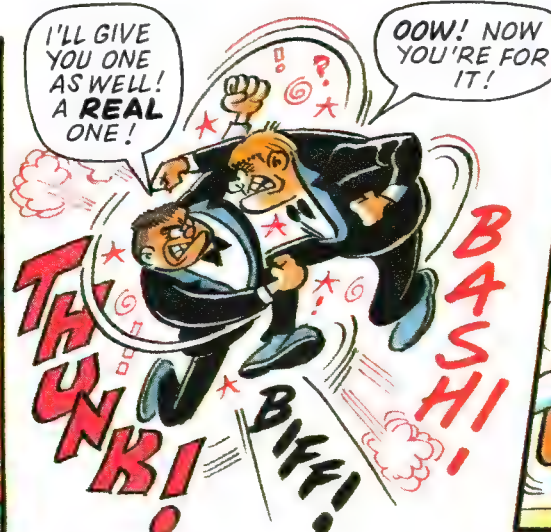
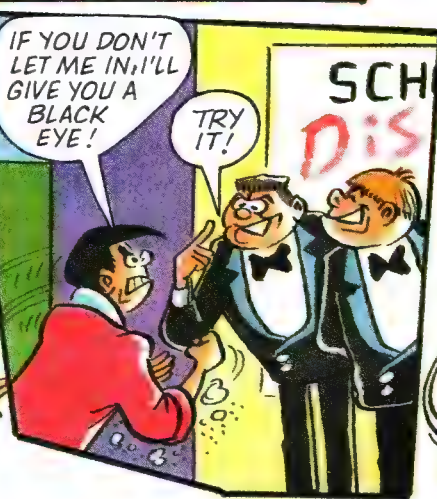
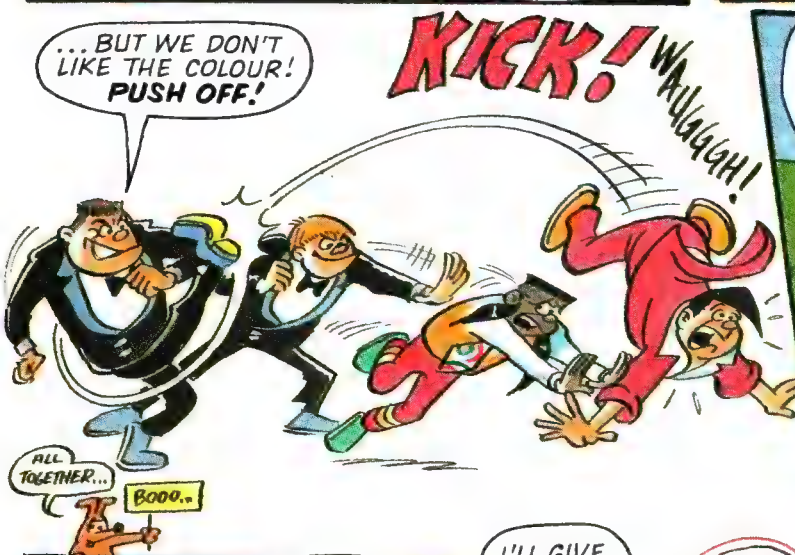
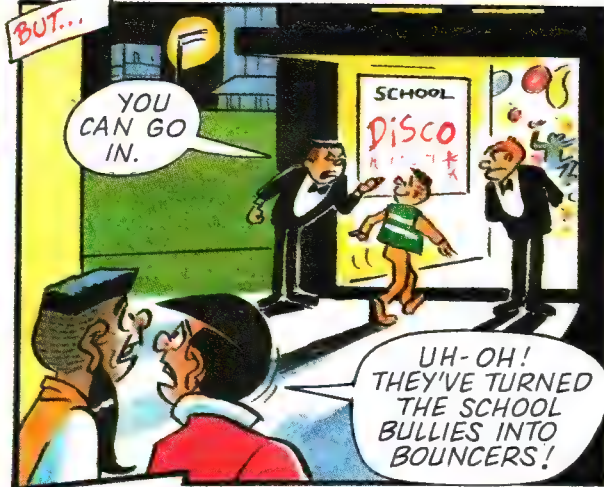
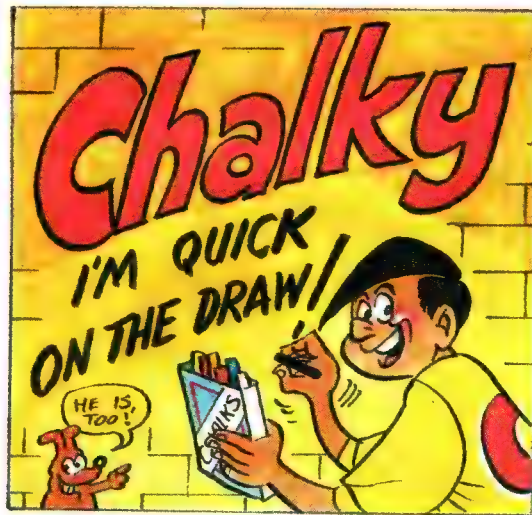


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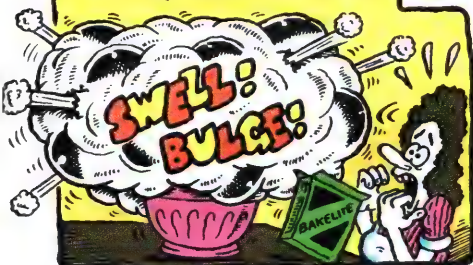


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Answer the following questions and then check your score on the special 'Buster Dumbometer'. Award yourself one point for each correct answer.

1. WHAT IS "BAKELITE"?

- A. A special yeast used in baking cakes to make them lighter.
- B. A plastic.
- C. The term used by the Fire Brigade when they attend a fire in a bakery.



4. WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE TRAIN THAT RAN ON THE FIRST PUBLIC RAILWAY IN 1825?

- A. The Rocket.
- B. Locomotive Number One.
- C. The Inter-City.

THIS TRAIN IS CANCELLED!

2. WHERE IS THE LARGEST MUSCLE? IN YOUR BODY?

- A. On your chest.
- B. On your back.
- C. On your posterior.



5. WHAT WAS MARION MICHAEL MORRISON FAMOUS FOR?

- A. Ballet dancing.
- B. Playing tough roles in cowboy films.
- C. Inventing non-stick adhesive strips.

6. MISS MARTHA NELSON HELD THE RECORD FOR THE WORLD'S LONGEST STAY IN A HOSPITAL. HOW LONG WAS SHE IN FOR?

- A. 38 years.
- B. 99 years.
- C. 105 years.

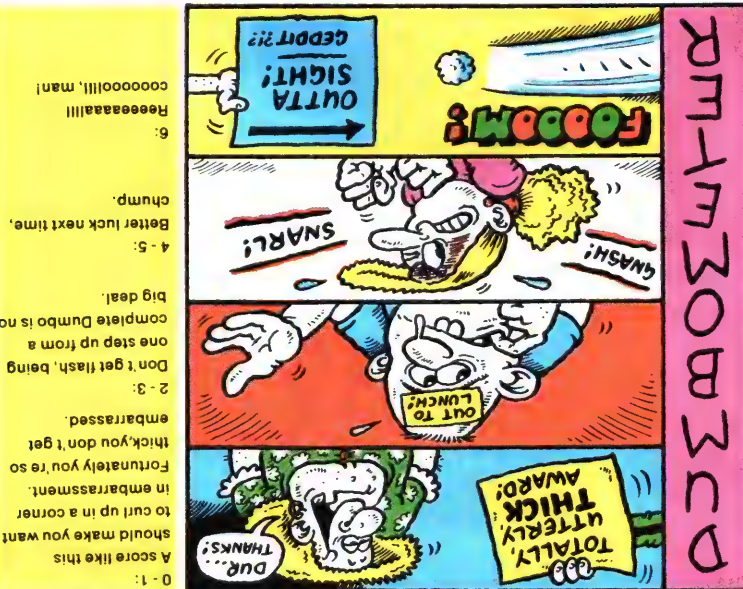
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3. WHEN WERE COSMETICS FIRST INVENTED?

- A. 375 B.C.
- B. 1927.
- C. 1846.

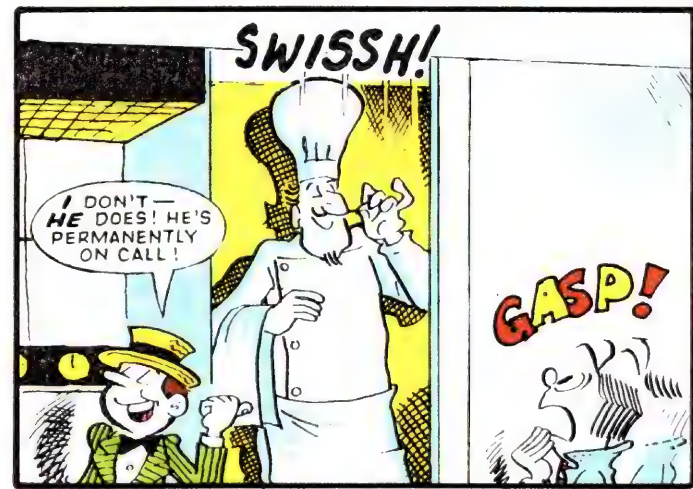
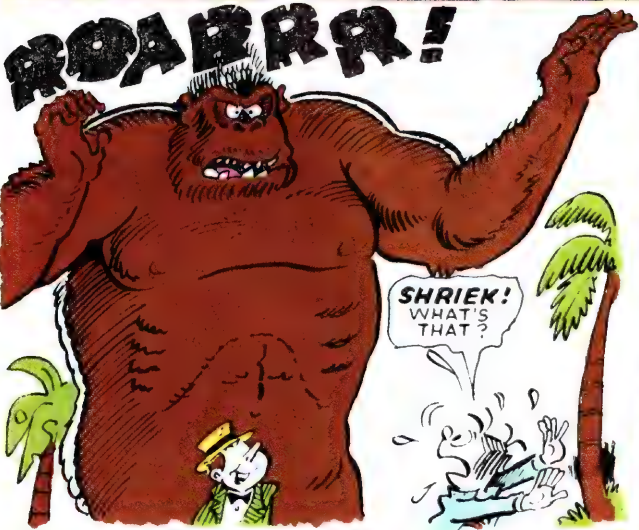
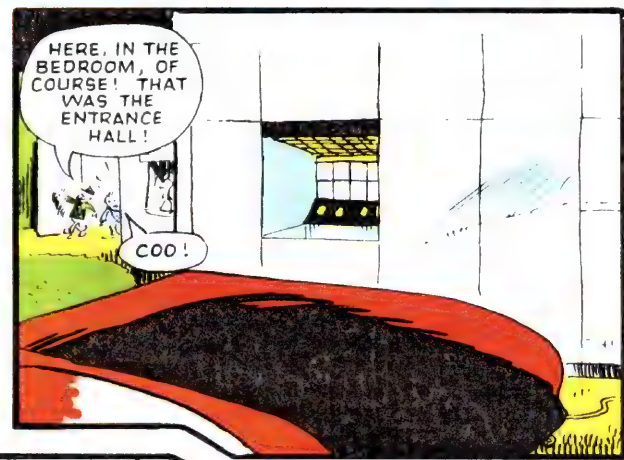
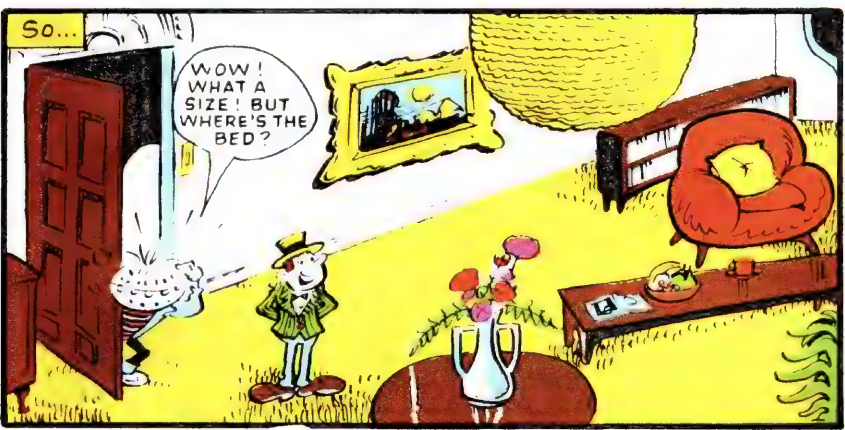
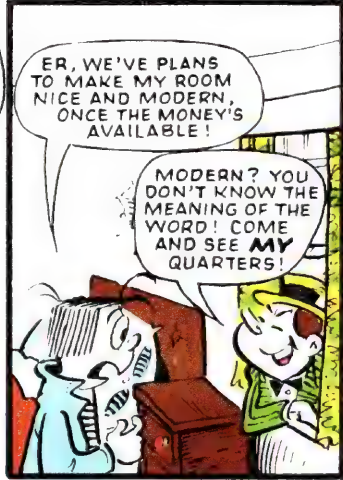


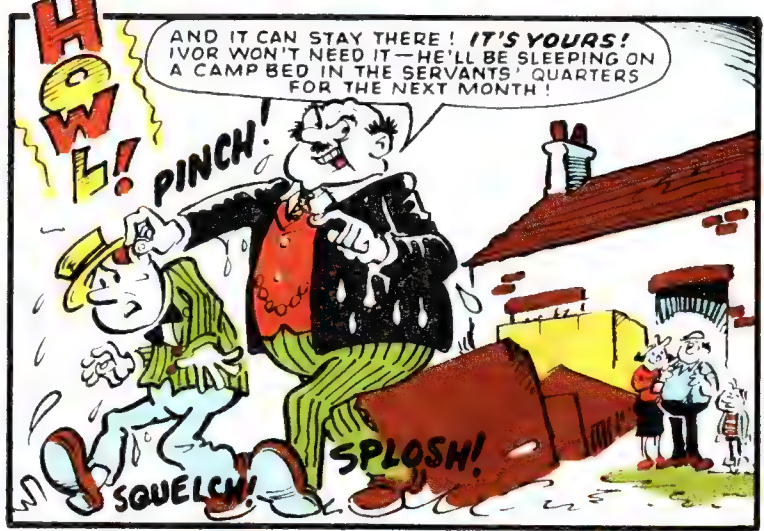
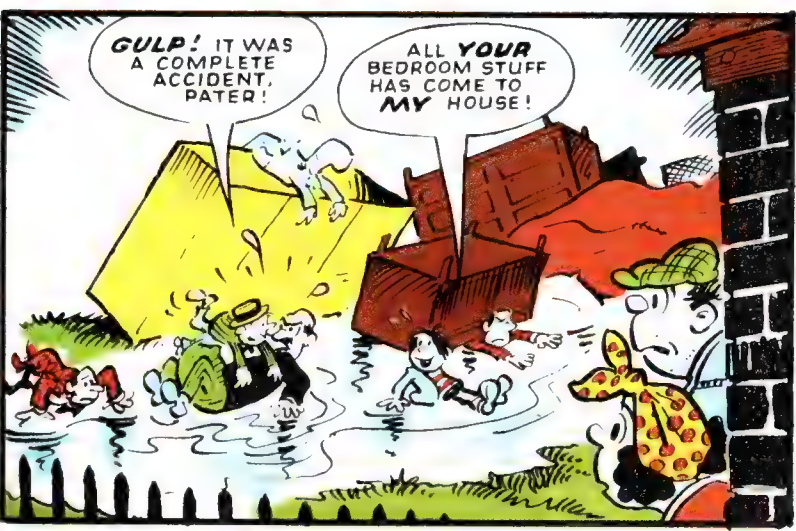
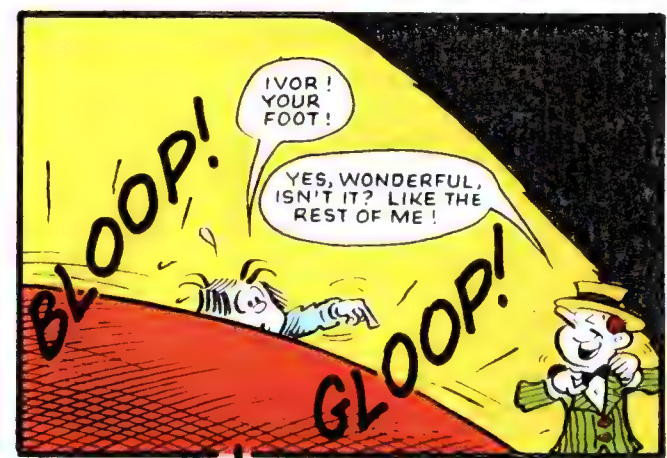
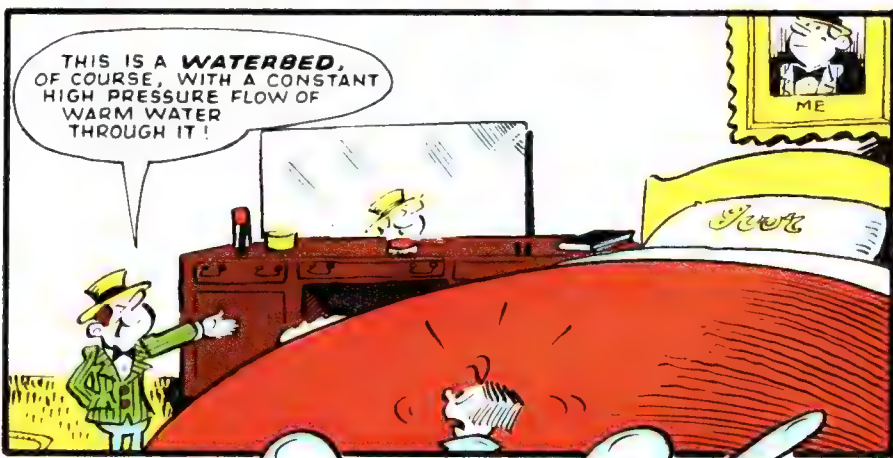
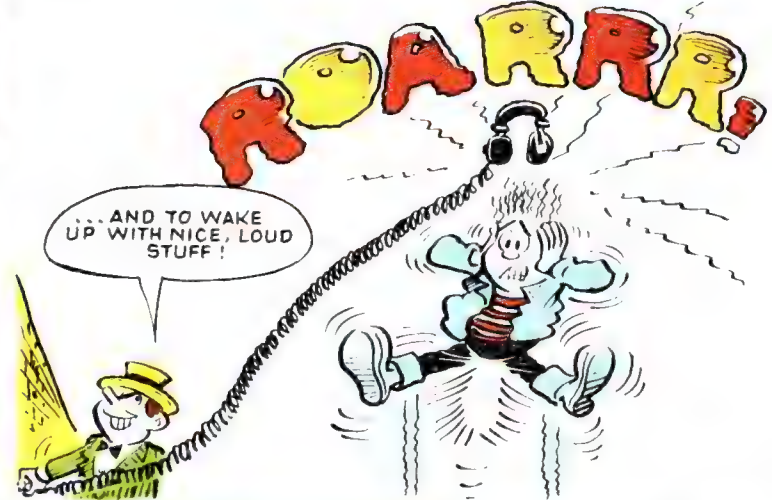
1. B. Bakelite was the world's first plastic. Try eating that in a cake.
2. C. The largest muscle is the Gluteus Maximus, on your posterior (or bum).
3. A. Cosmetics were invented in 375 B.C. by the Egyptians. Probably 'cos the Pharaohs wanted to 'make up' with their subjects. (Their most famous product was the 'Mummy' roll-on.
4. B. Bet you thought it was the Rocket, right? Tough luck. Locomotive Number One - what a highly original name. (Rumour has it the train was 20 minutes late, and was so crowded, you couldn't get a seat. Just goes to show that nothing's changed.)
5. B. But the studio couldn't imagine a guy called Marion thumping baddies, so he changed his name to John Wayne.
6. B. When she died in 1975, she had spent 99 years in the Orient State Institution in America. And she only went in to have her appendix out!



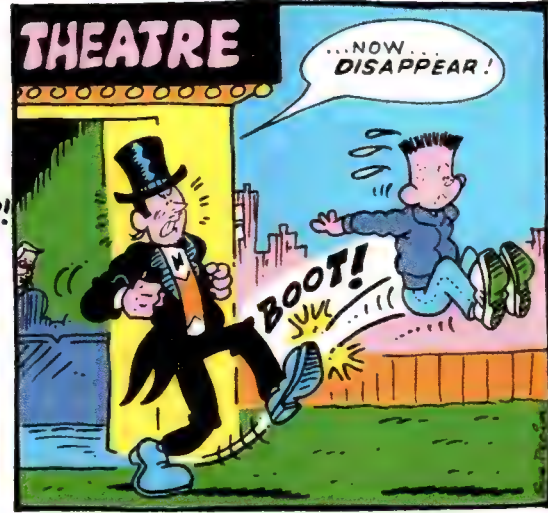
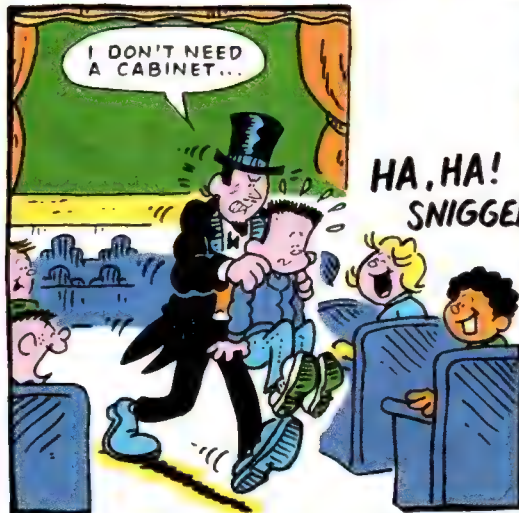
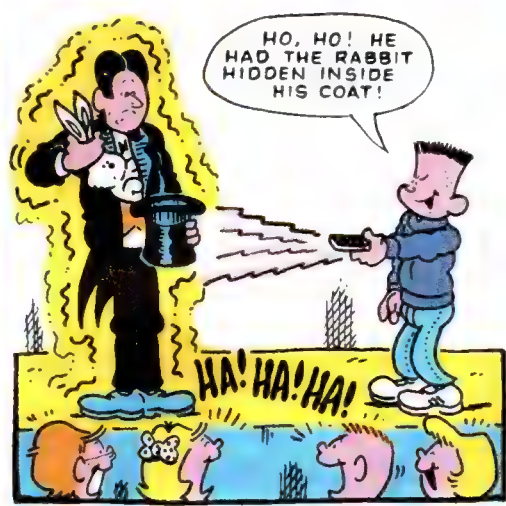
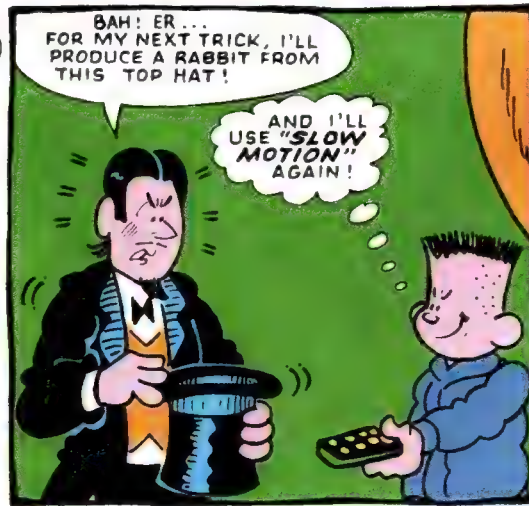
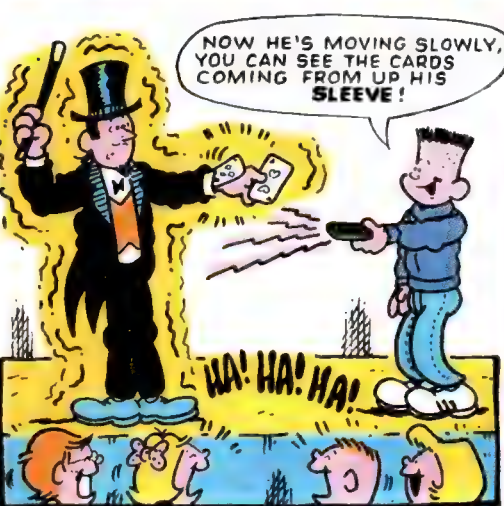
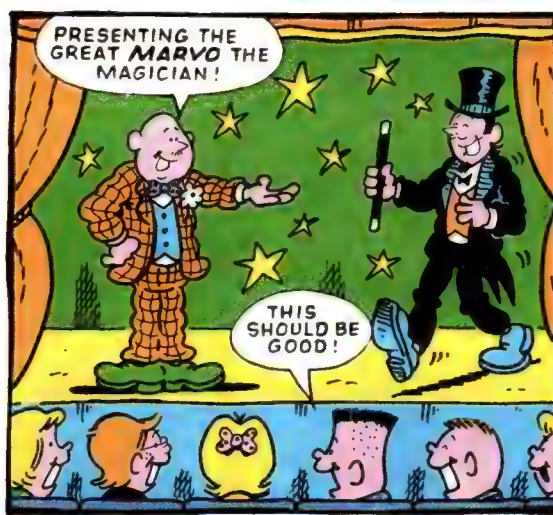
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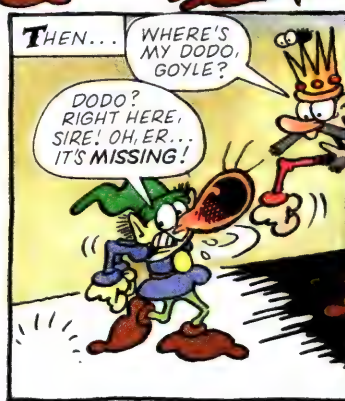
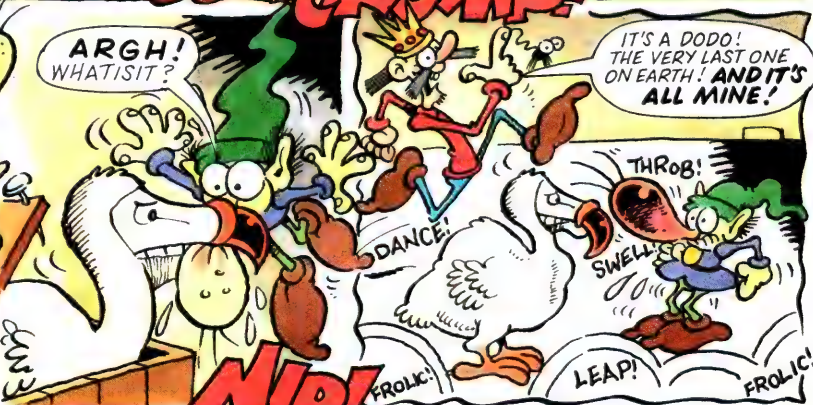
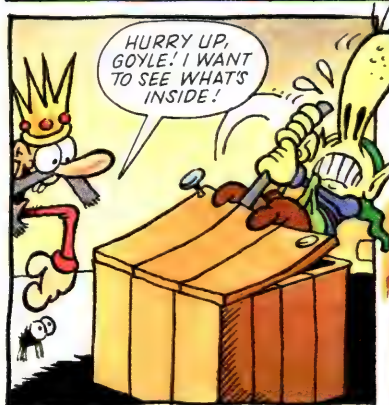
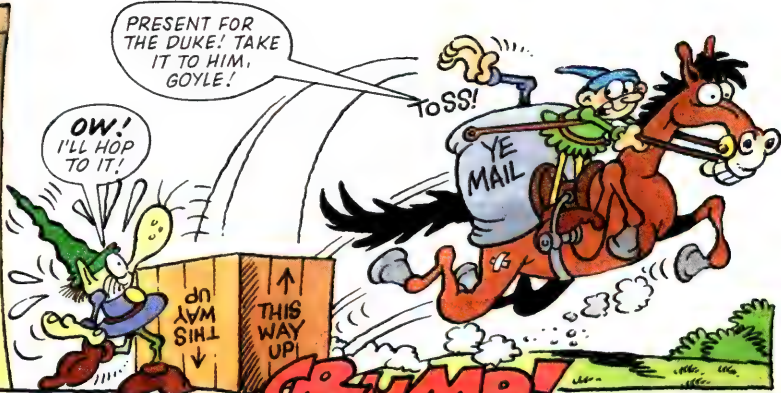
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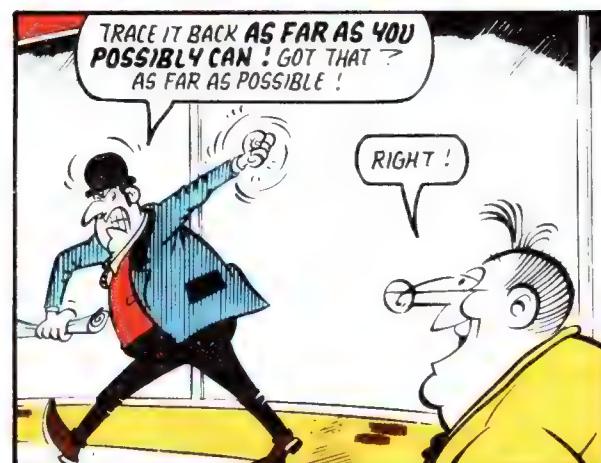
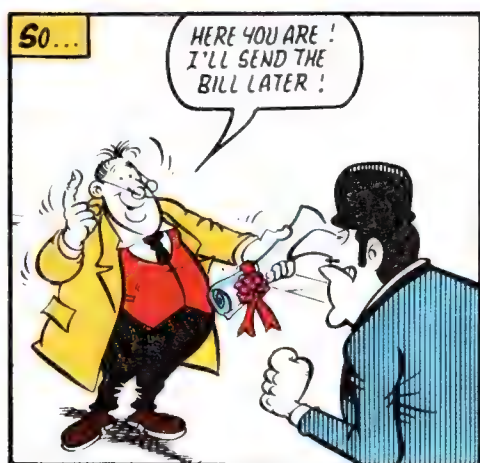
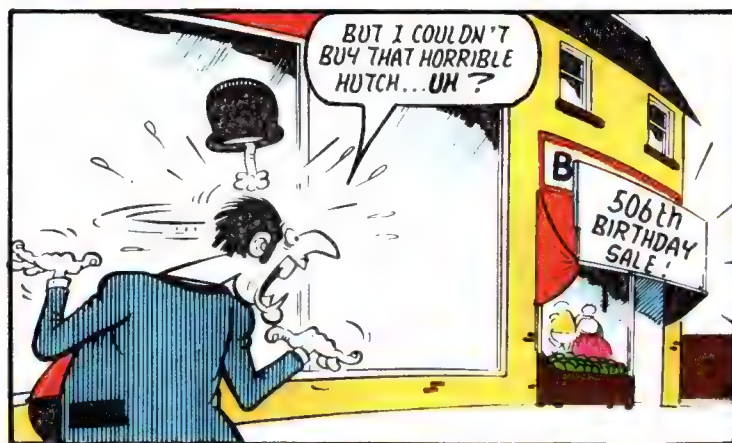
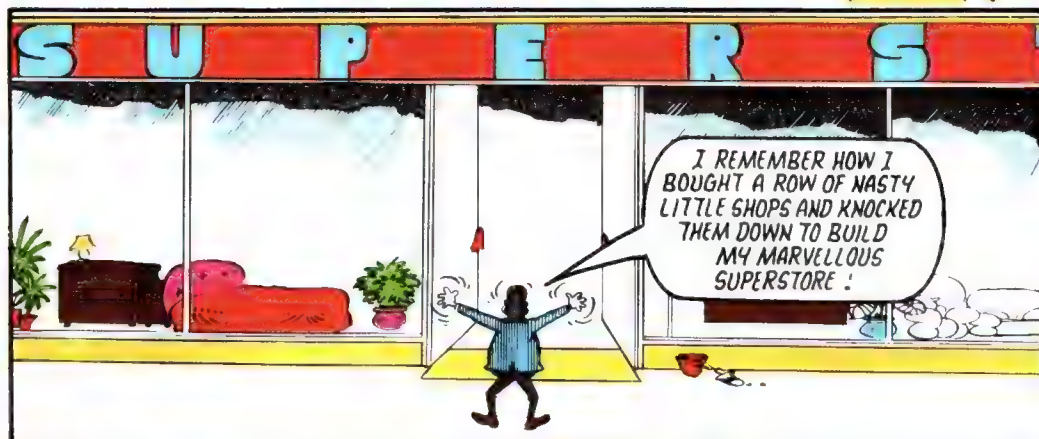


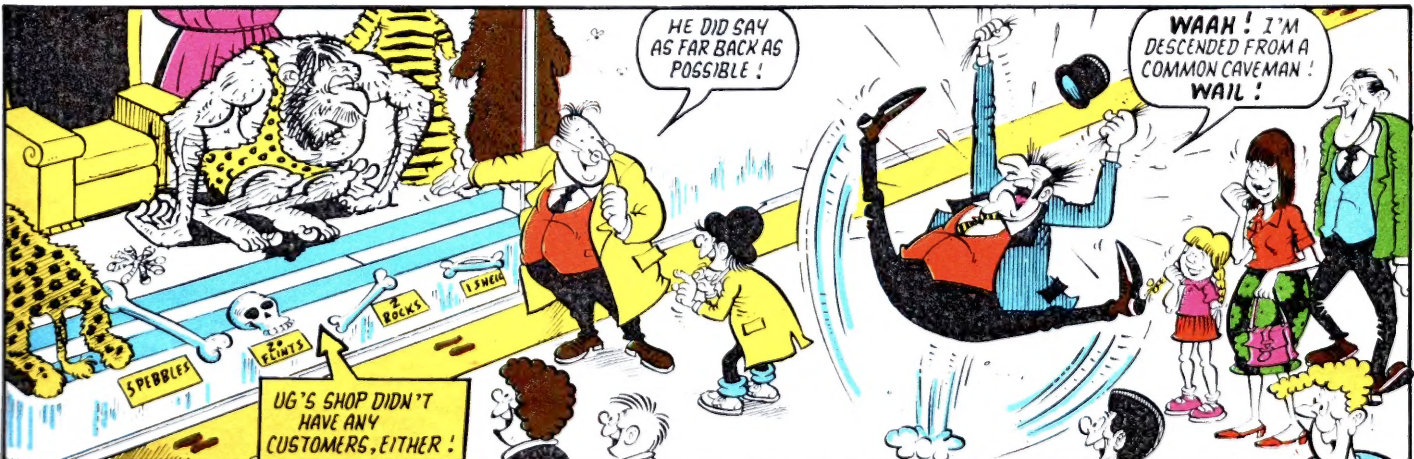
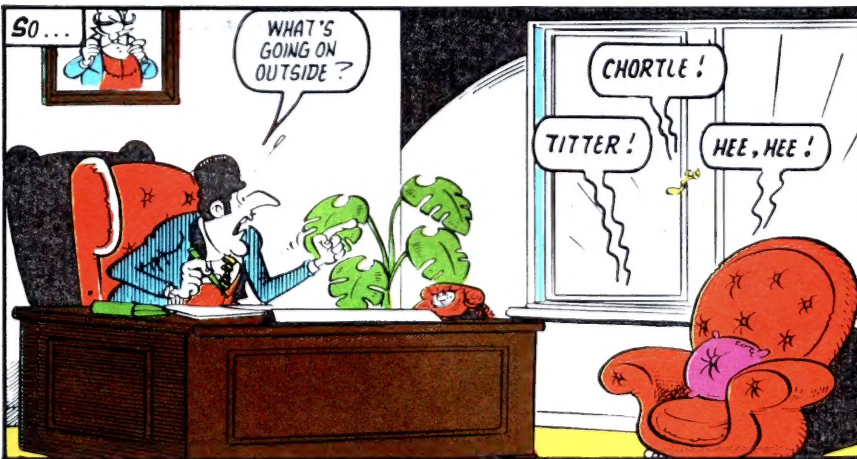
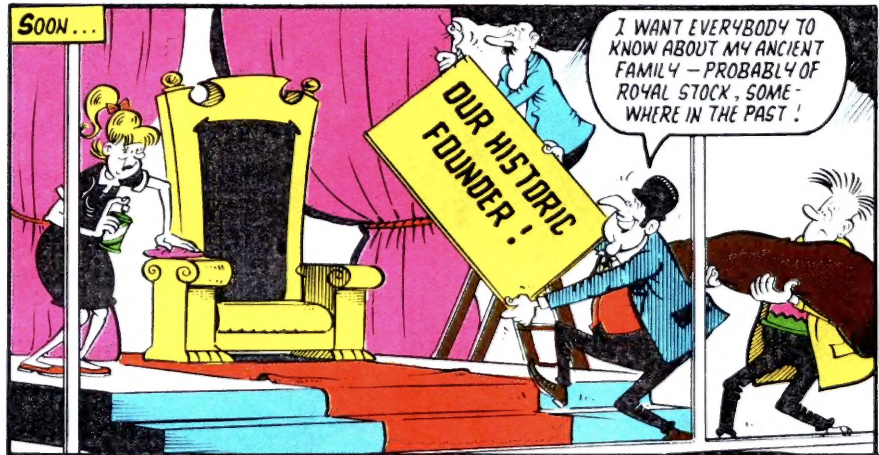
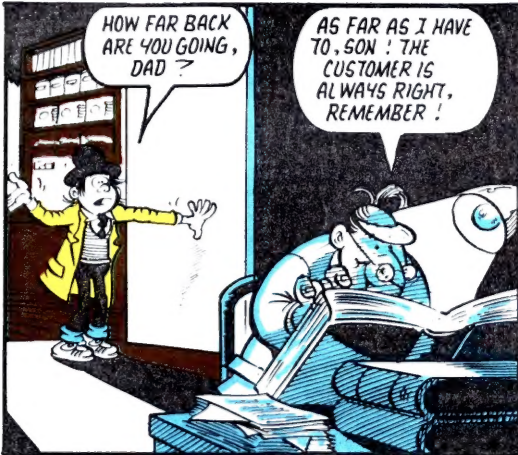
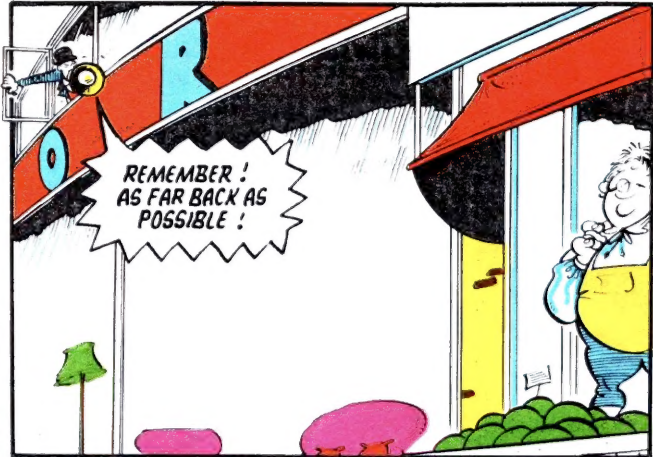
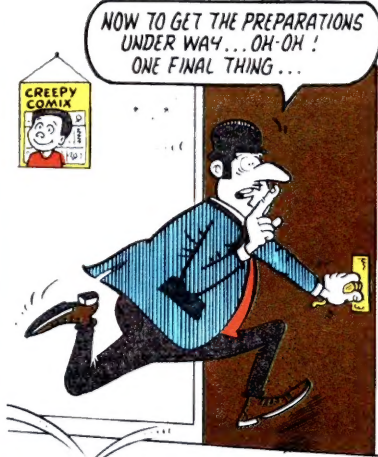
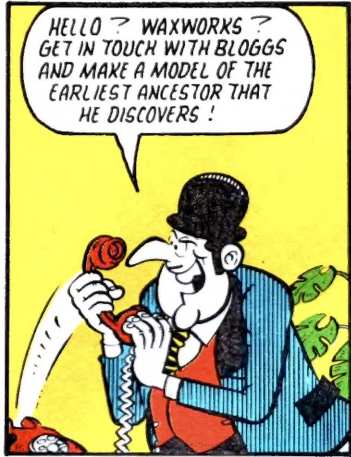


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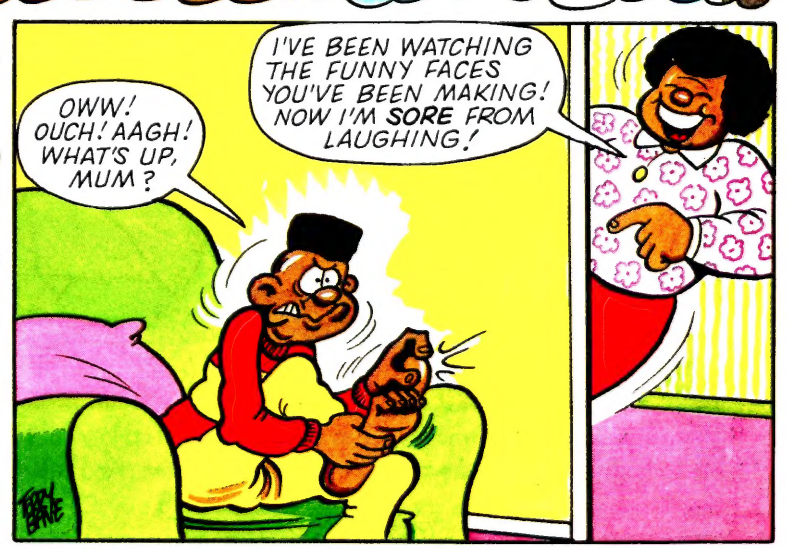
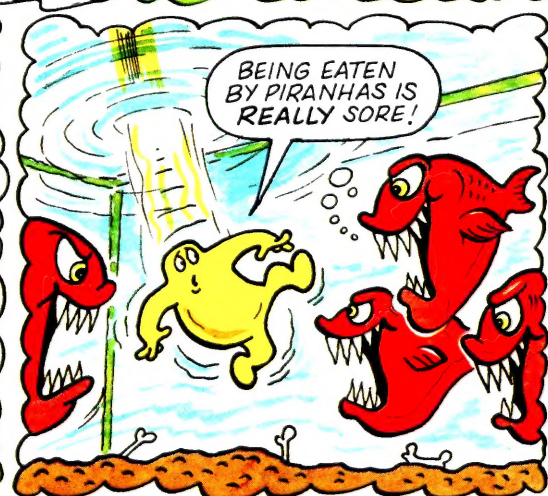
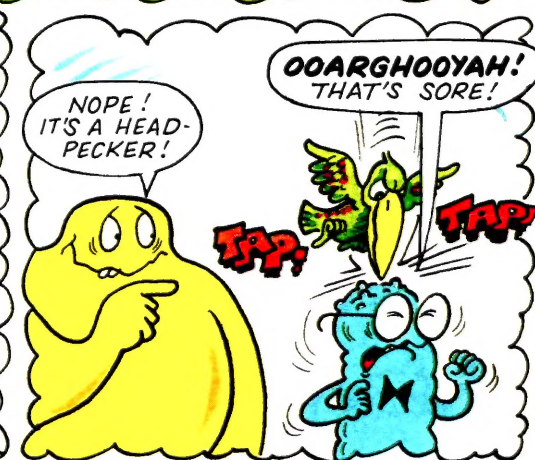
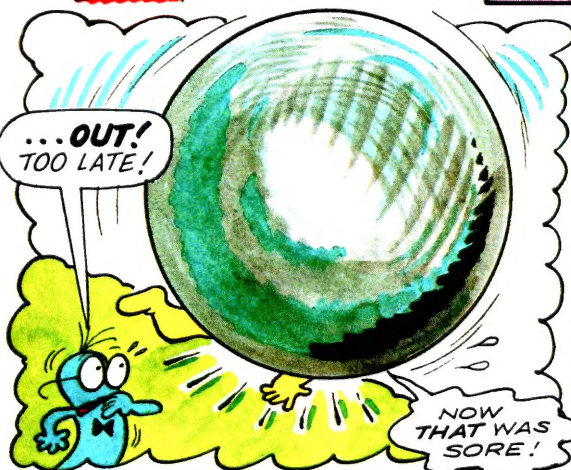
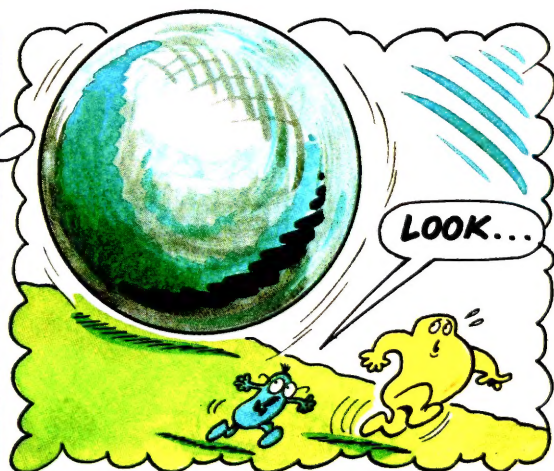
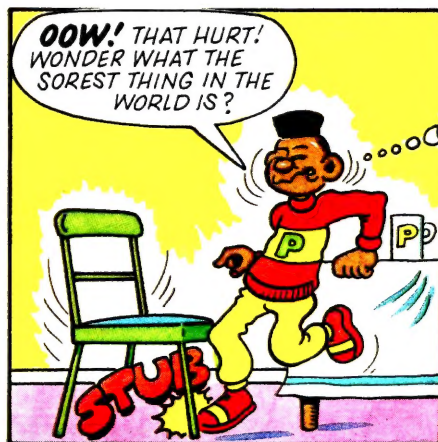


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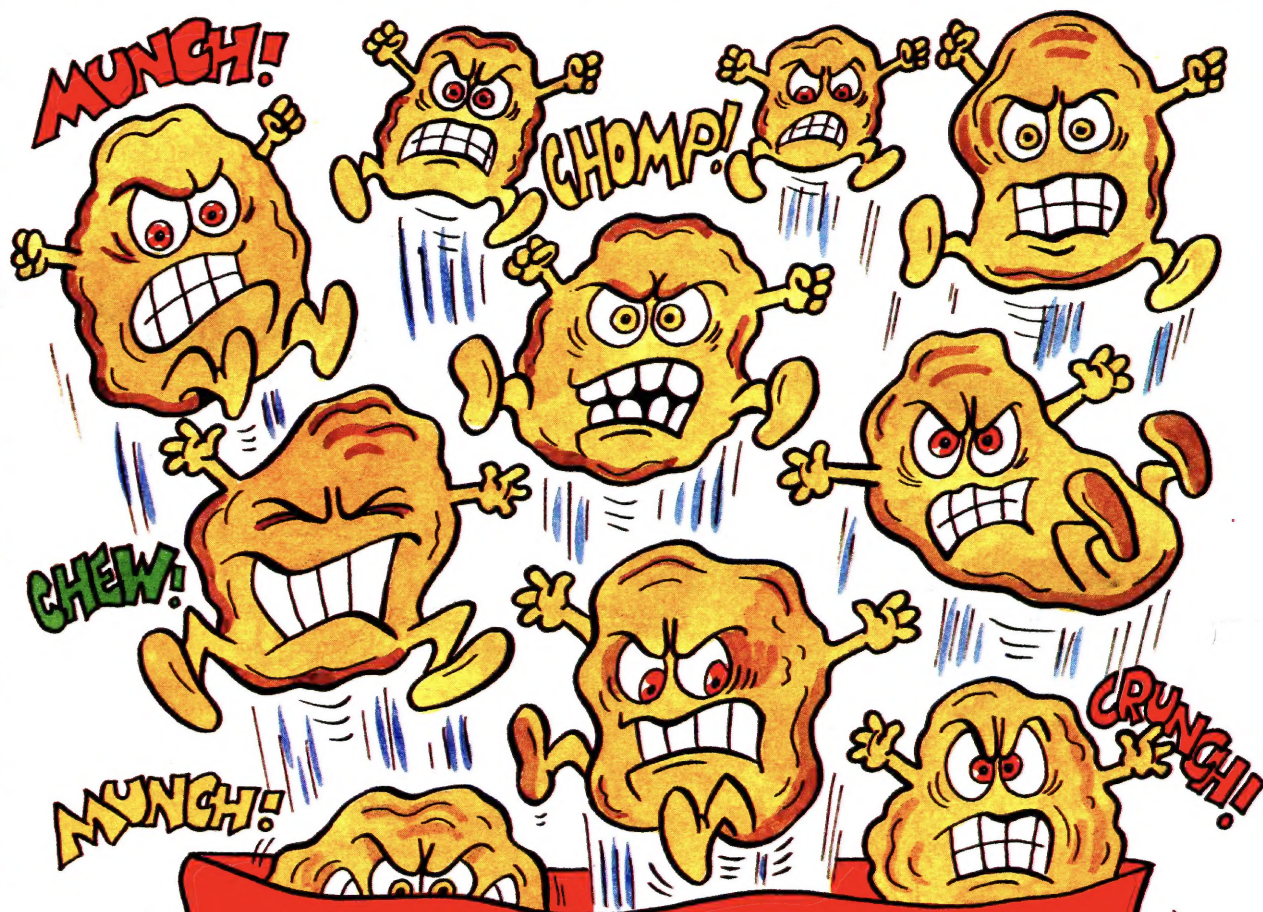
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